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## Jury List for the Town of Douglas for the Year 1938

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Allega, Ernest P.	Store Manager
Askenstrom, Carl J.	Experimental Machinist
Austin, James G.	Oil Line Foreman
Bigos, Walter S.	Weaver
Brouwer, George	Electrician
Bruno, Edmund H.	Spinner
Butterworth, Warren	Ass't Foreman
Cabana, Frederick	Weaver
Carpenter, Erwin E.	Ass't Postmaster
Cerule, Vincent	Laborer
Chase, Jessie E.	Farmer
Conrad, George	Caretaker-Cemetery
Cooney, Frank X.	Store Clerk
Dansereau, Albert J.	Janitor
Davison, Arthur C.	Overseer
Dermody, Lester J.	Funeral Director
Dixson, Norval A.	Service Man
Donaldson, Carl I.	Loom Fixer
Dufault, Albert N.	Ass't Foreman
Dunleavy, John E.	Mill Operative
Elliot, William J.	Mill Operative
Fairfield, Walter B.	Mill Operative
Foster, Eldrick	Spinner
Frost, Alfred J.	Store Owner
Harris, Moses H.	Retired
Hill, Taylor M.	Oil Man
Hreusik, Stephen L.	Ass't to the Designer
Hvizdos, Andrew J.	Store Manager
Jussaume, Louis B.	Gas Station Manager
Kelly, John J.	Store Clerk
Klisiewicz, Frank E.	Dresser
Kosiar, Stephen F.	Shear Tender
Lacourse, Leo R.	Barber
Larson, Hartwick T.	Loom Fixer
MacDonald, Robert E.	Wood Pattern Maker
Marsh, Lucius J., Jr.	Assessor

Mooney, William A.	Finisher
Olson, Carl H.	Spinner
Parker, Howell W.	Farmer
Pender, Robert R.	Real Estate Agent
Pine, Walter B.	Overseer
Quinn, Jerome J.	Insurance Agent
Rawson, Arthur E.	Landscape Gardener
Sheldrick, William C.	Painter
Travaille, Jasper J.	Mill Operative
Valliere, Edward J.	Finisher
Vecchione, Carmen	Auto Mechanic
Wallis, Chester A.	Carpenter
Wellman, Chester E.	Retired
Zonfrillo, Marine S.	Insurance Agent

Given under our hands this 31st day of December 1937 A.D.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER  
 PAUL D. MANNING  
 FRANK E. JONES  
 Selectmen of Douglas.

## Town Officers 1938

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### Moderator

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1938

### Town Clerk

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1938

### Treasurer

RICHARD H. ALDRICH, 1938

### Town Counsel

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1938

### Selectmen

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1939, Chairman

FRANK E. JONES, 1940, Clerk

PAUL D. MANNING, 1938

### Assessors

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1940, Chairman

FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1938

LUCIUS J. MARSH, Jr. 1939

### Members Board Public Welfare

RICHARD MOORE, 1939, Chairman

RAYMOND DECOTEAU, 1938

MARIHE ZONFRILLO, 1940

### School Committee

ANDREW J. CENCAK, 1938

LOUIS CALLAHAN, 1938

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940

MARGARET S. CARRICK, 1940

LILIAN C. CARPENTER, 1939

WARREN JOHNSON, 1939

### Tree Warden

JAMES FULONE, 1938

### Road Commissioner

EARL BALLOU, 1938

### Agent Moses Wallis Devise

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1938

### Cemetery Commissioners

FRANK E. COPP, 1938

HOWELL W. PARKER, 1939

HAROLD BUXTON, 1940

### Town Accountant

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, 1940

### Board of Registrars

FRANK L. CORRELL, Chairman, 1939

MOSES DEBLOIS, 1940

\*ELWIN S. KEITH, 1938

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK, Clerk, 1938

### Trustees of Public Library

STEPHEN L. HREUSIK

FRANK L. CORRELL, 1939

CHRISTINE M. QUINN, 1938

Life Members—Trustees of Simon Fairfield Public Library  
 WALTER B. FAIRFIELD LENA M. SCHUSTER  
 FERDINAND J. LIBBY \*WILLIAM L. HAYWARD  
 FRANK E. JONES  
 Chief of Police  
 KARLE T. HOWE, 1938  
 Chief of Fire Department  
 CHARLES A. ANDERSON, 1938  
 Superintendent of Schools  
 A. B. GARCELON  
 Superintendent of Water Works  
 HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1938  
 Water Commissioners  
 GILBERT W. ROWLEY OSCAR OLSON, 1939  
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1938  
 Board of Health  
 SELECTMEN  
 FRANCISCO BOWEN, Agent  
 Sealer of Measures and Weights  
 FRANK L. CORRELL, 1938  
 Collector of Taxes  
 EDWARD L. WILLIAMS, 1938  
 Moth Superintendent  
 FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1938  
 Forest Warden  
 HENRY PETERS, 1938  
 Dog Officer  
 HERBERT E. HUGHES, 1938  
 Fence Viewers  
 FRANK L. CORRELL, 1938  
 FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1938 WALTER H. PARKER, 1938  
 Bridge Viewer  
 EARL BALLOU, 1938  
 Measurers of Lumber  
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1938 HENRY HINDEN, 1938  
 WALTER H. PARKER, 1938  
 Measurers of Wood  
 GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1938 CHARLES CHURCH, 1938  
 WILLIAM J. WALLIS, 1938 WALTER H. PARKER, 1938  
 Weighers of Coal  
 FRANK E. JONES, 1938 ALFRED J. FROST, 1938  
 Inspector of Animals  
 ROY KENYON, 1938  
 Inspector of Slaughtering  
 GILBERT BOSMA, 1938

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\*Deceased.



# Finance Committee Report

Appropriations estimated necessary for fiscal year ending December 31, 1938.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen's Salary .....	\$ 100.00
Selectmen's Expense .....	100.00
Town Accountant's Salary .....	550.00
Town Treasurer's Salary .....	300.00
Town Treasurer's Expense .....	150.00
Tax Collector's Salary .....	600.00
Tax Collector's Expense .....	150.00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense .....	100.00
Assessor's Salaries .....	750.00
Assessor's Expense .....	50.00
Town Counsel .....	300.00
Registrars Salary .....	60.00
Election Expense .....	225.00
Moderator .....	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance .....	900.00
Old Town Hall Maintenance .....	50.00
Town Officers Bonds .....	250.00
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	\$ 4,900.00

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department .....	4,500.00
Police—Town Hall Duty .....	200.00
Fire Department .....	700.00
Sealer .....	50.00
Tree Warden .....	400.00
Forest Fires .....	300.00
Dog Officer .....	25.00
Insurance .....	800.00
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	6,975.00

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Department Salary .....	25.00
Health Department Expense .....	700.00
Meat Inspector .....	75.00
Animal Inspector .....	150.00
Vital Statistics .....	15.00

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 965.00

## HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81 .....	5,250.00
Chapter 90 .....	2,000.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	500.00
Machinery Maintenance Fund .....	100.00
Chapter 90 Insurance .....	200.00
Bridges .....	1,200.00
Special Highways .....	100.00
Railings .....	100.00
Snow Roads .....	1,200.00
Street Lighting .....	2,350.00
Care of Watering Trough .....	5.00
Care of Public Squares .....	25.00

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 13,005.00

## CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Welfare Salaries .....	450.00
Relief .....	12,000.00
O. A. A. Clerk .....	500.00
O. A. A. Expenses .....	7,500.00
State and Military Aid .....	120.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	1,000.00

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 21,570.00

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

School Department Salaries .....	200.00
School General .....	36,700.00
Industrial Schools .....	400.00
Library .....	1,000.00

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 38,300.00

## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

W. P. A. Materials .....	1,500.00
American Legion Hall .....	100.00
Memorial Day .....	150.00
Care of Town Clock .....	30.00
Printing Town Reports .....	175.00

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 1,955.00

## ENTERPRISE AND CEMETERIES

Cemeteries .....	100.00
Water Department Salaries .....	100.00
Water Department Expense .....	3,200.00

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 3,400.00

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest .....	400.00
Debt .....	1,000.00

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 1,400.00

Reserve Fund .....	1,500.00
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 1,500.00

To Cover 1937 Health Department Overdraft...	60.46
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 \$94,030.46

## Finance Committee

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER, 1939  
 FRANK E. JONES, 1940  
 PAUL D. MANNING, 1938  
 BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1938  
 FRANCISCO BOWEN, 1938  
 GILBERT W. ROWLEY, 1939  
 FERDINAND J. LIBBY, 1939  
 FRANK X. RINFRETTE, 1940  
 LESTER J. DERMODY, 1940

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## Tax Rates in the Town of Douglas

1930	27.50	1934	33.00
1931	30.70	1935	32.00
1932	32.50	1936	32.00
1933	31.50	1937	35.00

TOWN OF DOUGLAS  
BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1937

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

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State Tax—Underestimate (to be raised)	232 50	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Parks and Reservations Assessment—		Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$429.83
Underestimate (to be raised)	20 84	Tax Title	570.97
Overdrawn Accounts:		Departmental	3,279.60
Health	\$60.46	Water	1,012.91
Highways, Ch. 90, Construction	5,098.73	State and County Aid to High wa	8,781.41
Highways, Ch. 90, Maintenance	999.96		
Highways, Ch. 81,	281.41		
		Surplus Revenue	14,074.72
			9,180.42
			<u>\$39,504.68</u>

### DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Founded of Fixed Debt	\$ 5,000 00	Town Hall Loan	\$ 5,000 00
	<u>\$ 5,000 00</u>		<u>\$ 5,000 00</u>

### TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities:		In Custody of Town Treasurer:	
In Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 27,838 93	Myron O. Mowry School Fund	\$ 24,242 56
In Custody of Library Trustees	13,468 44	Adeline Pierce Sanborn Library	
In Custody of Library Trustees	13,468 44	Fund	161 96
In Custody of Agent	28,575 99	Care of Graves, G. A. R. Veterans	822 93
		Fund	236 76
		Mary South Cemetery Fund	101 57
		Monument Fund—Sons of Veterans	2,273 15
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$ 27,838 93
		In Custody of Library Trustees:	
		Simon Fairfield Library Fund	13,468 44
		In Custody of Agent:	
		Devise of Moses Wallis	28,575 99
			<u>\$ 69,883 36</u>

# Report of the Treasurer

To the Selectmen of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my report as Town Treasurer of the Town of Douglas as recommended by the Division of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, as called for by Section 44, General Laws, for the fiscal year 1937.

## GENERAL CASH

Balance January 1, 1937 .....	\$ 9,122.41	
Receipts, 1937 .....	176,858.92	
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		\$185,981.33
Payments, 1937 .....	177,270.96	
Balance December 31, 1937 .....	8,710.37	
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		\$185,981.33

## MYRON O. MOWRY SCHOOL FUND

	Cash in General Treasury	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Totals
On hand January 1,				
1937 .....	580.00	424.15	23,000.00	24,004.15
On hand December 31,				
1937 .....		1,242.56	23,000.00	24,242.56

1937

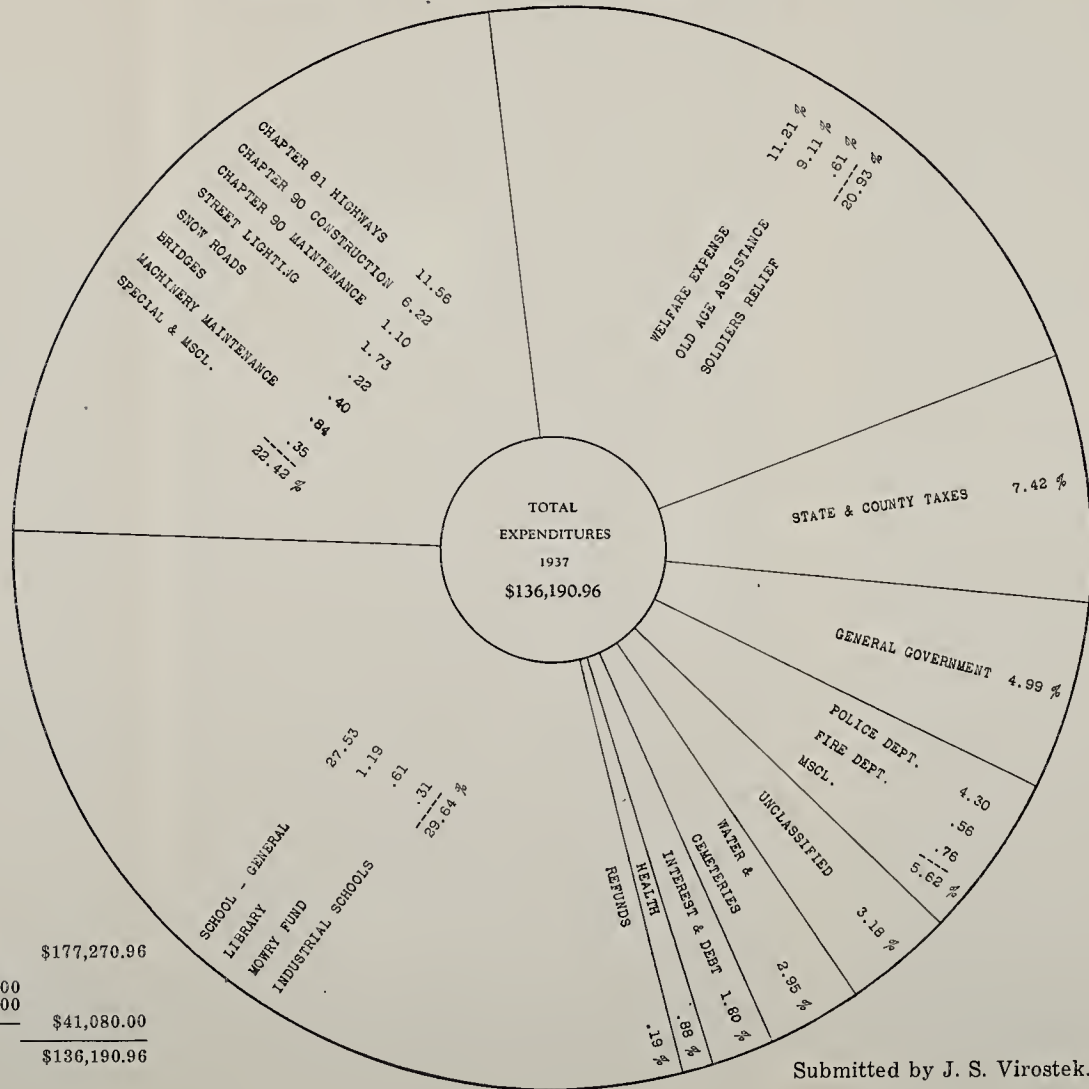
## RECEIPTS

Sale of Securities, Par Value .....	5,000.00	
Premium in Securities Sold .....	500.00	
Income .....	1,041.70	
Cash in General Treasury,		
January 1, 1937 .....	580.00	
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		\$7,121.70

## PAYMENTS

Purchase of Securities, Par Value .....	5,000.00	
Added to Savings Deposits .....	818.41	
Premium on Securities Purchased .....	210.00	
Accrued Interest on Securities Purchased .....	73.29	
Transfer to Town .....	1,020.00	
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		\$7,121.70

# 'Wheel' of the Town's Spending for 1937



Total Payments by Treasurer	\$177,270.96
Less:	
Temporary Loans	\$35,000.00
Purchase of Trust Fund Bonds	6,080.00
	<u>\$41,080.00</u>
Departmental Expenditures	\$136,190.96

Submitted by J. S. Virostek.







## MARY SOUTH CEMETERY FUND

On Hand January 1, 1937 .....	\$243.11	
Income 1937 .....	3.65	
Transfer to Town .....		10.00
On Hand December 31, 1937 .....		236.76
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		\$246.76

## MONUMENT FUND—SONS OF VETERANS

On Hand January 1, 1937 .....	\$103.02	
Income 1937 .....	1.55	
Transfer to Town, 1937 .....		3.00
On Hand December 31, 1937 .....		101.57
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	104.57	104.57
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## ADELINE PIERCE SANBORN LIBRARY FUND

On Hand January 1, 1937 .....	\$160.36	
Income 1937 .....	1.60	
On Hand December 31, 1937 .....		161.96
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## CARE OF GRAVES—G. A. R. VETERANS' FUND

On Hand January 31, 1937 .....	\$860.03	
Income 1937 .....	12.90	
Transfer to Town .....		50.00
On Hand December 31, 1937 .....		822.93
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	872.93	872.93
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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

On Hand January 1, 1937 .....	\$2,314.74	
Income 1937 .....	45.41	
Transfer to Town 1937 .....		87.00
On Hand December 31, 1937 .....		\$2,273.15
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	\$2,360.15	\$2,360.15

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. ALDRICH.

# Report of the Town Accountant

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To the Selectmen of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my report as Town Accountant of the Town of Douglas for the fiscal year 1937, as recommended by the Division of Accounts, Department of Corporation and Taxation, and called for by Section 44, General Laws.

## RECEIPTS

### General Revenue:

#### Taxes:

1937 Poll .....	\$ 1,370.00
1937 Real Sstate .....	46,305.71
1936 Real Estate .....	5,653.59
1935 Real Estate .....	2,068.81

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\$55,398.11

#### Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:

Current Year .....	3,982.99
Previous Year .....	436.36

\$4,419.35

#### From State:

Mass. School Fund .....	4,028.39
Income Tax Part I Chapter 70 Schools .....	6,790.00
Income Tax Part I Valuation .....	3,865.40
Corporation Taxes .....	14,759.41
Corp. Taxes Gas, Light and Water ....	1,783.45
Corp. Taxes Additional .....	318.90

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31,545.55

Licenses and Permits ..... 1,020.00

Court Fines ..... 46.00

#### Grants and Gifts:

Aid to Industrial Schools .....	465.06
Superintendent's Salary .....	773.32
Loss of Taxes .....	309.57
Aid to Dependent Children .....	1,311.02

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2,858.97

From County for Dog Licenses .....		370.21
From Federal Government:		
Relief .....	5,202.67	
Administration .....	173.38	
		5,376.05
General—Departmental:		
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses .....		681.60
Town Hall Rentals .....	673.70	
Old Town Hall .....	117.00	
		790.70
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire .....	67.50	
Sealer of Weights and Measures ....	19.80	
		87.30
Health and Sanitation:		
Health .....	299.37	
Animal Inspector .....	75.00	
		374.37
Highways:		
State Chapter 81 .....	10,290.00	
State Chapter 90 .....	1,469.68	
County Chapter 90 .....	1,469.68	
Machinery Rental .....	1,212.80	
		14,442.16
Charities:		
Relief, Individual .....	46.52	
Relief, Cities and Towns .....	205.30	
Relief, State .....	3,509.64	
Mothers Aid from State .....	688.06	
State and Military Aid .....	120.00	
Old Age Assistance State .....	2,241.18	
Others .....	643.56	
		7,454.26
Schools:		
Tuition of State Wards .....	295.20	
Other Tuition .....	91.00	
		386.20
Library:		
Fines .....		77.02
Unclassified:		
Railings .....	29.23	
Sale of Town Property .....	240.00	
Misc. Rebates .....	12.30	
Sale of Wood .....	81.15	
		362.68

## Commercial Revenue:

Water .....	4,930.76	
Miscellaneous .....	43.25	
		4,974.01

## Interest:

Taxes .....	450.80	
		450.80

## Agency, Trust and Investment:

Myron A. Mowry Fund .....	5,000.00	
Myron O. Mowry Fund		
(Sale of Bonds) .....	500.00	
Myron A. Mowry Fund, Income .....	1,020.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	150.00	
Moses Wallis Devise, Income .....	1,073.58	
		7,768.58

Temporary Loans .....	38,000.00
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Total Receipts for 1937	<u>176,858.92</u>
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## PAYMENTS 1937

## General Government:

Selectmen's Salaries .....	100.00
Selectmen's Expense .....	473.24
Accountant's Salary .....	550.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	300.00
Treasurer's Expense .....	192.55
Tax Collector's Salary .....	600.00
Tax Collector's Expense .....	101.43
Town Clerk's Salary .....	250.00
Town Clerk's Expense .....	162.86
Assessor's Salaries .....	773.45
Assessor's Expense .....	50.00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	300.00
Registrars .....	60.00
Election Expense .....	75.00
Moderator .....	15.00
New Town Hall Maintenance .....	2,443.21
Old Town Hall Maintenance .....	77.01
Town Officer's Bonds .....	250.00
Repairing New Town Hall Roof .....	17.30

	<u>\$6,791.05</u>
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## Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department Cruiser .....	600.00	
Police Department .....	5,028.44	
Police Department Court Fees .....	27.22	
Police Duty of Town Hall .....	202.40	
Fire Department .....	672.50	
Sealer .....	68.74	
Fire Hose .....	89.85	
Tree Warden .....	387.75	
Moth Department .....	199.48	
Forest Fires .....	355.74	
Dog Officer .....	25.00	
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		\$7,657.12

## Health Department:

Health Salaries .....	25.00	
Health Expense .....	855.37	
Meat Inspector .....	150.00	
Animal Inspector .....	150.00	
Vital Statistics .....	13.75	
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		\$1,194.12

## Highways:

Chapter 81 .....	15,749.09	
Chapter 90—Construction .....	8,462.11	
Chapter 90—Maintenance .....	1,499.96	
Special .....	80.50	
Bridges .....	550.00	
Machinery Maintenance .....	1,148.48	
Chapter 90—Insurance .....	200.00	
Railings .....	159.45	
Snow Roads .....	299.07	
Street Lighting .....	2,359.56	
Care of Watering Trough .....	5.00	
Care of Public Squares .....	25.00	
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		\$30,538.22

## Charities:

Public Welfare Salaries .....	450.00	
Public Welfare Expense .....	13,496.12	
Old Age Assistance—Clerk .....	500.01	
Old Age Expense .....	5,000.00	
Federal Grant: Aid to Dependent Children	1,310.13	
Federal Grant: O. A. A. Adm. ....	166.27	
Federal Grant: O. A. A. Relief .....	6,740.11	
State and Military Aid .....	120.00	
Soldier's Relief .....	712.96	
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		\$28,495.60

## Schools and Libraries:

School Committee Salaries .....	200.00	
School Expense .....	37,299.98	
Industrial Schools .....	412.38	
Library .....	1,620.21	
		<hr/>
		\$39,532.57

## Recreation and Unclassified:

W. P. A. Materials .....	3,144.38	
American Legion Hall .....	100.00	
Memorial Day .....	156.30	
Care—Town Clerk .....	30.00	
Printing—Town Report .....	162.84	
Printing—Town By-Laws .....	50.00	
		<hr/>
		\$3,643.52

## Enterprises and Cemeteries:

Cemeteries .....	160.62	
Water Commissioner's Salary .....	100.00	
Water General Expense .....	3,609.23	
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		\$3,869.85

## Debt and Interest:

Debt .....	2,000.00	
Interest .....	449.91	
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		\$2,449.91

Temporary Loans .....	\$35,000.00
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## Refunds:

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes .....	266.24	
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		\$266.24

## Agency, Trust and Investment:

Town Clerk, Dog Licenses, County .....	681.60	
Myron O. Mowry Fund Purchase of Bonds .....	5,283.29	
Added to the Myron O. Mowry Fund .....	796.71	
Myron O. Mowry Fund Income .....	821.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	147.00	
		\$7,729.60

## State and County Taxes:

State Tax .....	3,797.50	
State Audit .....	292.63	
State—Parks and Reservations .....	66.86	
State—Veteran's Exemption .....	11.74	
County Tax .....	3,554.59	
County T. B. Hospital .....	2,379.84	
		\$10,103.16

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\$177,270.96

Balance January 1, 1937 .....	9,122.41	
Receipts, 1937 .....	176,858.92	
		\$185,981.33

Payments, 1937 .....	177,270.96	
Balance December 31, 1936 .....	8,710.37	

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\$185,981.33

Respectfully submitted

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK

## Auditor's Report

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### DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATION AND TAXATION

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Mr. Winfield A. Schuster, Chairman,  
Douglas, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1937, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.



Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporation and Taxation  
State House, Boston.

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Douglas for the year ending December 31, 1937, and submit the following report thereon:

The records of the financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by a comparison with the reports and the records in the town accountant's office.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, the appropriation accounts being checked to the town meeting records of appropriations and transfers voted. A balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1937, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed, and the recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the accountant's ledger and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursements of town funds.

The payments of maturing debt and interest were verified by a comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the various trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed and the income was proved.

The treasurer's cash balance on January 26, 1938, was proved by a reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified. Further verification of the tax titles as listed was made by checking with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitment lists were added and reconciled with the warrants of the assessors committing the taxes for collection, the abatements as recorded were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

Further verification of the outstanding taxes was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was noted that expenditures amounting to \$6,380.10 have been made for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway work in excess of the amount available on December 31, 1937. A temporary loan in anticipation of reimbursement due the town from the State and the County could have been issued under Section 6-A, Chapter 44, General Laws.

The securities representing the investment of the Devises of Moses Wallis, in the custody of the elected agent, were examined and checked. The income was verified and the disbursements were proved.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen and town clerk were examined and checked, and the payments to the State and the town treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the departments mentioned, the books and accounts of the sealer of weights and measures, the fire, health, public welfare, school, library, and water departments were examined and checked, and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the trust fund transactions.

For the co-operation extended by the several town officials during the process of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts.

# Report of Agent Moses Wallis Devise

To the Town of Douglas  
For the Year Ending December 31, 1937 -

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the Devise January 1, 1937, as follows:

Los Angeles School District Bonds, 5% .....	16,201.50	
Amortization .....	497.28	
		15,704.22
City of Detroit Bonds 4½% .....	5,250.00	
Amortization .....	99.13	
		5,150.87
Jersey City Water Bonds 4½% .....	5,231.50	
Amortization .....	75.12	
		5,156.38
Whitinsville National Bank .....		2,414.54
Dividend Bonds, Detroit .....		150.00
		28,576.01
Value to keep permanent .....		27,502.43
		1,073.58
Due Town Treasurer .....		
The Agent has received as follows:		
1937		
Balance .....		2,564.54
Feb. 6 County of Los Angeles, Interest ...	375.00	
Apr. 1 Jersey City, Interest .....	112.50	
Aug. 6 County of Los Angeles, Interest ...	375.00	
Aug. 2 City of Detroit, Interest .....	4.88	
Oct. 1 Jersey City, Interest .....	112.50	
Oct. 4 City of Detroit, Interest .....	225.00	
		1,204.88
		\$3,769.42

The Agent has paid out as follows:

1937			
June 22	Town Treasurer .....	1,073.58	
Dec. 16	Salary, Agent .....	75.00	
	Balance .....	2,620.84	
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			3,769.42

#### PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE

\$15,000.00	Los Angeles School District		
	Bonds, 5% .....	16,201.50	
	Amortization .....	538.72	
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			\$15,662.78
5,000.00	Jersey City Water Bonds 4½% ..	5,231.50	
	Amortization .....	81.38	
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			5,150.12
\$5,000.00	City of Detroit Bonds 4½% .....	5,250.00	
	Amortization .....	107.75	
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			5,142.25
	Whitinsville National Bank .....	2,470.84	
	Dividends Bonds, Detroit .....	150.00	
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			28,575.99
	Value to keep permanent .....	27,502.43	
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	Due Town Treasurer .....	1,073.56	
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Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,

Agent.

## Town Clerk's Report

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To the Citizens of the Town of Douglas:

Following is my fourth Annual Report as Town Clerk:

### MARRIAGES, 1937

#### *February*

- 9 Bryan Francis Sherry of Medway, Mass., and Hazel A. McCann of Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Massachusetts.

#### *March*

- 14 Warren Buell Perry of Brattleboro, Vt., and Ruth Agnes Lowell of White Plains, N. Y. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace.

#### *April*

- 3 Francis William Slattery of E. Providence, R. I., and Mildred Piepszak of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 3 Edward A. Therrien of East Douglas and Wanda Prybyla of Northbridge, Mass. Rev. William Joseph Lucey, South Grafton, Massachusetts.
- 10 Winfred C. Hall and Ruth Wellman, both of East Douglas, Mass. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace.
- 24 Bennie Dtugocenski of Uxbridge and Mary Bahleda of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

#### *May*

- 1 Kenneth Edward McMahon and Hildegard Julia Williamson, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Vernon H. Deming, North Attleboro, Mass.
- 1 Henry P. Cuppola of East Douglas, Mass., and Alice L. Cenedella of Milford, Mass. Rev. John Golden, Milford, Mass.
- 10 William N. Chomes and Edna L. Doyon, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
15. John V. Manyak and Catherine P. Kolumber, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 15 Alvin Peter Clark of East Douglas, Mass., and Alicia Harriet Dziok of Woonsocket, R. I. Rev. Walter J. Rozpad, Woonsocket, R. I.

#### *June*

- 12 Stanley A. Bennett of Uxbridge, Mass., and Eveline L. Hickey of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen, Uxbridge, Massachusetts.

- 12 Alexander R. Johnston and Eleanor E. Olson, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.
- 19 Arthur J. Thibeault of Oxford, Mass., and Julia Minior of Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.
- 21 Edward L. Meade of Douglas, Mass and Ida Leino of Bethel, Vermont. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.

### *July*

- 3 Joseph S. Nedroscik of East Douglas, Mass., and Helen Barnach of Worcester, Mass. Rev. John F. Mieckiaki, Worcester, Mass.
- 3 Francis McCann of Douglas, Mass., and Leona Szymanski of Webster, Mass. Rev. James V. Hanorahan, Webster, Mass.
- 4 Kristo Mihal Mici of Fabyan, Conn., and Thematrella Mary Peters of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Elias Leontides, Webster, Massachusetts.
- 5 Paul E. Daigle of Worcester, Mass., and Doris V. Jussaume of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Archibald R. Lajoie, Pittsfield, Mass.
- 10 Francis J. McQuire of Waltham, Mass., and Laura L. Cassista, of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Massachusetts.
- 17 Roland Rodolphe Beauregard of East Douglas, Mass., and Jeanette Marguerite Contois of Central Falls, R. I. Rev. Alderic J. Chauvin, Central Falls, R. I.
- 31 Chester Devlin of Dudley, Mass., and Mary Louise Mayette, of Dudley, Mass. Rev. William F. Koonsen, East Douglas, Mass.

### *August*

- 7 John J. Grocki of East Douglas, Mass., and Anna Prymak of Northbridge, Mass. Rev. John J. Foran, Whitinsville, Mass.
- 7 Albert S. Rusin of Avon, Conn., and Marion Kocur of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Mass.
- 14 Michael Chiras of Northbridge, Mass., and Alice Martha Brule of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. George V. O'Rourke, East Douglas, Massachusetts.
- 14 James L. Daubney of East Douglas, Mass., and Luie B. Berry of Whitinsville, Mass. Rev. Wm. Reed Usher, East Douglas, Massachusetts.
- 28 Walter J. Budzyna and Anna B. Bombara, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.
- 29 John Francis Powers of East Douglas, Mass., and Louise Cecelia O'Connor of Somerville, Mass. Rev. Thomas M. Foley, Somerville, Mass.
- 30 Sylvester DiSandro of Hamilton, Ohio and Esther Sannella of Bethlehem, New Hampshire. Joseph S. Virostek, Justice of the Peace.



*September*

- 4 Louis J. Chabot of Whitinsville, Mass., and Annie P. Hreusik of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuthill, East Douglas, Massachusetts.

*October*

- 16 Michael J. Campochiaro of Southington, Conn., and Mary Susan Bezik of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.
- 23 Robert Bacheler Gurry of East Douglas, Mass., and Doris Eliza Brouthers of Providence, R. I. Rev. C. H. Horner, Providence, Rhode Island.

*November*

- 2 John Carter and Harriet Kelly, both of Douglas, Mass. Rev. Vernon H. Deming, North Attleboro, Mass.
- 25 Stephen Anthony Cencak and Catherine Helen Baca, both of East Douglas, Mass. Rev. Harry F. Tuttle, East Douglas, Mass.

## BIRTHS, 1937

*January*

- 8 Mary Elsie Andrea Constance Chagnon Philip N. and Olivette Desmarias
- 22 Mary Ann Anderson Gosta and Mary Rej
- 28 Walter Robert Szocik Walter and Sophia Bombara

*February*

- 9 \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Norval Kurt Dixon Norval and Edith L. Anderson
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_Flinton Clifford and Alice Vardner
- 19 Joan Anne Chupka Joseph and Laura Cassista
- 28 Joan Cerulle Vincent and Fannie Vecchione

*March*

- 1 Faye Marie Cassista Adelard and Emma Guyan
- 6 Carol Joan White Edward F. and Margaret E. Bloomberg
- 7 Gerald Frank Yacino Felix James and Josephine Kochanowski
- 11 Charles Horace Brundage Thomas D. and Bertha Kelly
- 21 John Matthew Searles John and Rosamond Searles
- 25 Mary Elizabeth Buxton Harold and Doris Manning
- 27 Donald Asa Wheeler Donald and Harriet Vickers

*April*

- 2 Thomas Archie Fontaine Roland and Stella Jonkowski
- 6 Richard A. Warnke John J. and Cecelia Costello
- 13 Louise Ann Gove Herbert E. and Louise Gevry
- 13 Edward J., Hughes, Jr. Edward J. and Dorothy E. Caswell
- 24 Dana Robert Dudley Gustavus and Joyce McCallum
- 29 David Charles Conrad Leonard and Nancy Anderson

*May*

6	Phyllis May Belisle	Walter and Bernadette Morin
7	Andrew Albert Smith	Joseph and Dorothy Gvosdjak
18	Edward Joseph Brewer	Edward and Alice LaPlante
23	Robert Fregeau	Edgar and Celia Para

*July*

5	Gilbert Byron Buxton	Daniel and Helen Yagrelski
5	Shirley Ann Bosma	Simon and Jennie Frieswick
13	Elizziabeth Elen Akeley	Waldo and Beatrice Willette

*August*

23	Thomas Louis Cusson	Noe and Catherine Damore
24	Raymond Rudolph Nesluson	Edward and Anna Mikalaycak
24	Jeannine R. Johnson	Stuart F. and Vera B. Jones
27	Michael Joseph Cupka, Jr.	Michael J. and Martha May Carter

*September*

8	Helen Mary Manyak	Andrew and Mary Gonsorcik
9	Shirley May Johnston	Harry F. and Anna O'Connell
20	Robert Lewis Lafleur	Henry O. and Edna M. Bileau
21	John Robert Koslak	John Joseph and Mary T. Wagher
28	Gretchen Frieswyk	Edward and Caroline T. Hughes

*October*

31	Louis Paul Yacino	Louis Paul and Lillian Horton
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*November*

3	Barbara Anne Fregeau	Lionel and Blanche Dupont
14	Kenneth Fougere	Henry and Theresa Yacino
16	Edith Anne Horne	Tracy and Mary Bloniasz
23	Michael Edward Cahill	Lawrence and Ethel M. Aldrich

*December*

13	Charles Robert Austin	James Gordan and Vondale M. Chubbuck
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## DEATHS, 1937

*January*

		<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
1	Henry Hewitt	75	2	25
21	Theodore Roux	78	—	—
31	Joseph Peter Casey	61	0	20

*February*

7	John B. Christian	58	11	—
12	—————	—	—	—
20	Dana Harrison Fowler	4	4	20



*March*

3	John Randolph Darling	88	7	—
4	Frank M. Novicki	19	11	23
5	Thomas Chosta	66	3	—
9	Michalina (Mazzotta) Fulone	70	10	2
24	Francis Luyster Underwood	78	—	—
25	August Anderson	72	5	11

*April*

7	Albert E. Smith	64	—	—
8	William Nesbit	47	4	8
16	Estella May Rawson Howard	75	—	—
29	John Batiste Munroe	60	11	15
30	Julia Submit Kendall (Moore)	88	—	—

*May*

14	Edgar C. Parker	83	8	—
21	Gladys Louise Dudley (Copp)	52	2	0
25	Honora Estella (Johnson) Hughes	68	9	11

*June*

7	Rudolph Susienka	75	2	—
15	Thomas James Murphy	80	2	19
25	Fred Otis Cook	70	4	23

*August*

2	Amos Louis Goodness	68	—	—
12	Amelia Boulanger	65	7	23
17	Anna (Chszaszcz) Piepszak	50	8	17

*September*

2	Magdeline (Radeckzy) Virostek	79	—	—
8	Albert J. Dansereau, Sr.	55	8	23
22	Charles Joseph Gautreau	94	—	—

*October*

3	Gretchen Frieswyk	0	0	5
19	Dana R. Dudley	0	5	25
21	Stephen J. Nedoroscik	15	10	3
26	Harry Lewis Stockwell	60	4	3

*November*

15	Elwin Southwick Keith	76	2	6
26	Sherman Kellogg Foster	88	7	5

*December*

10	Douwe DeJong	65	—	—
17	Henry Harry Lemoine	57	11	15
27	Ida May Fiske (Church)	45	6	19
31	Andrew Mercak	52	—	—

## COLLECTION OF DOG TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1937

Total Number of Taxes Collected .....		292
Males, 212 @ \$2.00 .....	\$424.00	
Females, 52 @ \$5.00 .....	260.00	
Spayed, 28 @ \$2.00 .....	56.00	
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		\$740.00
Paid to County Treasurer in 1937 .....		\$681.80
County Treasurer will return in 1938 .....		\$506.70
which will be available for the upkeep of the Simon Fairfield Library for the year ending December 31, 1938.		

In the year 1936 only \$517.00 was collected for Dog Licenses and the sum available for the Library last year was only \$370.21. The extra collections made last year will enable the Town to reduce the Library appropriation this year. Hence it is of the utmost importance to the Taxpayers of Douglas to report all unlicensed Dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. VIROSTEK.

## Collector's Report

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To the Citizens of Douglas:

Following is my Seventeenth Annual Report:

### TAXES 1935

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$2,115.11	
Overpayment to Treasurer, to be refunded ....	1.78	
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		\$2,116.89
Payments to treasurer 1937, .....	\$2,068.81	
Abatements 1937 .....	16.08	
Tax titles by town .....	32.00	
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		\$2,116.89

### TAXES 1936

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....		\$7,744.65
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$5,653.59	
Abatements 1937 .....	8.88	
Transfer to tax titles .....	32.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 .....	2,050.18	
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		\$7,744.65

### TAXES 1937

Commitment per warrants 1937 .....	\$55,815.70	
Additional commitment .....	20.25	
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		\$55,835.95
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	47,675.71	
Abatements 1937 .....	81.48	
Transfer to tax titles .....	103.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 .....	7,975.51	
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		\$55,835.95

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1934

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	.57
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	.57

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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1935

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....		\$10.00
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$2.00	
Abatements 1937 .....	8.00	

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\$10.00

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1936

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$438.05	
Additional commitment 1937 .....	76.07	
Abatements entered in error .....	5.25	
Interest entered as motor vehicle excise taxes 1936 .....	.02	
Abatements after payment refunded 1937 .....	10.07	

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\$529.46

Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$433.79	
Abatements 1937 .....	95.67	

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\$529.46

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1937

Commitment per warrants 1937 .....	\$4,450.24	
Abatements after payment, refunded 1937 .....	256.17	
Abatements after payment, to be refunded .....	20.98	

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\$4,727.39

Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$3,982.99	
Abatements 1937 .....	293.59	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 .....	450.81	

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\$4,727.39

## INTEREST AND COSTS—TAXES 1935

Collections 1937 .....	\$168.08
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	168.08

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## INTEREST AND COSTS—TAXES 1936

Collections 1937 .....	\$161.29
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$161.29

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## INTEREST AND COSTS—TAXES 1937

Collections 1937 .....	\$40.66
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	40.66

## INTEREST AND COSTS—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1936

Collections 1937 .....	\$40.67
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$40.65
Interest entered as motor vehicle excise taxes	
1937 .....	.02
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	\$40.67

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## INTEREST AND COSTS—MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES 1937

Collections 1937 .....	40.12
Payments to treasurer 1937 .....	\$40.12

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS,  
COLLECTOR.

# Report of the Police Department

Douglas, Mass, January 1, 1938

To the Board of Selectmen,  
Mr. Winfield A. Schuster, Chairman,  
Douglas, Massachusetts.  
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1937.

## ORGANIZATION

### *Chief*

Karl T. Howe

### *Sergeant*

Chester C. Fulone

### *Patrolmen*

Joseph Kostka

Warren Johnson

Edward Balcom

### *Special Officers*

Earl Ballou

John Hanley

## CRIMINAL

Complaints received (all natures) .....	230
Complaints investigated .....	220
Investigations for other departments .....	49
Hours—investigation .....	600
Hours—court—all officers .....	220
Arrests .....	82
Prisoners returned from other States .....	5
Insane persons committed .....	3
Value of stolen property recovered .....	\$2,209.00
Value of lost property found and returned to owners .....	\$70
Stolen automobiles recovered and returned to owners .....	4
Missing persons located .....	7

## TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLE

Cars stopped—violation Motor Vehicle Laws—warned and booked .....	276
Cars stopped for check on licenses—occupants, etc .....	788
Operators summoned to court—violation Motor Vehicle Laws .....	78
Operators licenses suspended—violation Motor Vehicle Laws .....	10
Registrations revoked—violation Motor Vehicle Laws .....	3
Accidents investigated:	
Fatal .....	2
Personal injury .....	7
Property damage .....	9
Total .....	18

Cars tagged—violation Town By-Laws .....	110
Summons and subpoenas served—local .....	24
Summons and subpoenas served—local—for other departments .....	21
Motor Vehicle transfers checked and approved .....	18
Total fines and assessments .....	\$320.

### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Tours of Special Duty—all Officers .....	253
Highway construction projects found unlighted .....	6
Street lights found out and reported .....	18
Business places found unlocked and secured .....	8
Business places found without night lights and reported .....	13
Washouts, etc., found in highways and reported to Supervisor .....	3
Obstructions found in highways and removed .....	9
Death notices served .....	2
Communications received .....	416
Communications sent out .....	432

### CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault .....	1
Assault and Battery .....	8
Assault with Dangerous Weapon .....	2
Assault on Police Officer .....	2
Alien Illegally in United States .....	1
Collecting Junk without License .....	3
Breaking, Entering and Larceny (day time) .....	2
Delinquent Children	
Larceny .....	6
Violation M. V. Laws .....	2
Dest. Highway Lights .....	1
Misconduct .....	1
Total .....	10
Destruction of Highway Lighting .....	4
Drunk .....	6
Disturbing Peace .....	1
Escaped Patient .....	1
Fugitive from Justice .....	2
Insane Person .....	3
Larceny .....	8
Larceny of Automobile .....	3
Leaving the Scene of an Accident .....	3
Malicious Injury to a Dwelling House .....	1



Non-Support and Neglect to Provide .....	5
Possession of Obscene Literature and Pictures .....	1
Operating Motor Vehicle without License .....	1
Operating Motor Vehicle after Suspension of License .....	1
Operating Motor Vehicle under the Influence of Liquor .....	2
Refusing to Stop on Signal of Officer .....	1
Runaway Boy .....	1
Peddling without License .....	2
Stubborn Child .....	1
Unnatural Act .....	1
Violation of Probation .....	2
Violation of Parole .....	1
Vagrancy .....	1
Residents .....	46
Non Residents .....	36
Males .....	79
Females .....	3

Through the cooperation of the State Department of Public Works, traffic counts and surveys were made throughout the town, with the end in view of eliminating certain known traffic hazards. As a result certain laws were passed regarding the operation and parking of cars within town limits. It is believed that these laws, in a measure, proved successful, as the accident total is 50% of its 1936 figure. Analysis still shows however that about 75% of the accidents may be attributed to excessive speed, with regard to conditions.

A program of Street and Highway Safety for school children was instituted with the aid of the State Department of Traffic Research and Survey. It is rather early to look for desired conditions, but marked improvement has been shown.

The radio receiver in the Police Cruiser, an innovation in 1937, has more than proved its worth. Ninety-three emergency calls were answered through its use during the year.

It is confidently expected that the number of actual arrests will be lower, substantially so, during 1938, but it is not believed that the number of those prosecuted for violations of Motor Vehicle laws will show much, if any decrease, if the accident situation is to be kept under control at all.

Respectfully submitted,

KARLE T. HOWE,

Chief of Police.



## Report of the Fire Department

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Town Appropriation .....		\$600.00
Reserve Fund Transfer .....		72.50
Salaries .....	391.00	
Janitor .....	39.00	
Equipment and Repairs .....	71.80	
Fuel .....	36.40	
Light .....	9.00	
Telephone .....	91.30	
All Others .....	34.00	
	<hr/>	\$672.50

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\$672.50

Fire loss for 1937 .....	\$9,850.00 appropriated
Number of alarms answered .....	20

Fire Department consists of the following men:

Charles Anderson, Chief  
 Joseph Vecchione, Asst. Chief  
 Felix Vecchione, Engineer  
 William Van Ness, Secretary  
 Edmund Bruno, Treasurer  
 Harold Buxton  
 John Carter  
 Herbert Gove  
 Fred Cabana  
 Joseph Bruno  
 Kenneth McMahon  
 Harold Anderson  
 Lawrence Kolumba  
 Albert Frost  
 Stephen Kosiar

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ANDERSON.

## Report of the Tree Warden

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1937 Appropriation .....		\$500.00
Salaries and Wages .....	183.05	
W. H. Cambo, Palmer Spraying 125 Trees .....	125.00	
Paul D. Manning, Insurance .....	38.05	
John Fulone, Filing Saws .....	1.50	
William J. Wallis—Arsenate of Lead .....	.65	
James Fulone—Car .....	10.00	
James Yacino—Car .....	8.00	
William Therrien, Jr.,—Truck .....	3.50	
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	\$369.75	
Unexpended Balance .....	130.25	
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	\$500.00	

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FULONE.

# Report of Highway Commissioner

## Chapter 81 Highways:

Appropriated by Town .....	\$ 5,250.00	
Allotment by State .....	10,500.00	Total \$15,750.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages .....		\$1,089.90
Earl Ballou, Car, 1,144 hours @ .20 .....		228.80
Charles Church, Foreman, 1,095 hours @ .60 ..		657.00
Nellie Parker, Truck 1,001 hours @ 1.50 .....		1,501.50
W. H. Dudley, Truck 973 hours @ 1.50 .....		1,459.50
H. W. Buxton, Truck 876 hours @ 1.50 .....		1,314.00
D. E. Caswell, Truck 688 hours @ 1.50 .....		1,032.00
Elwin Chase, Team 210 hours @ 1.00 .....		210.00
John Carter, Tractor operator 580 hours @ .60		348.00
John Carter, Labor 352 hours @ .50 .....		176.00
Earl McCann, Grader operator 488 hours @ .60		292.00
Earl McCann, Labor 595 hours @ .50 .....		297.50
Carmine Ferno, Labor 1,220 hours @ .50 .....		610.00
Stanley Krouse, Labor 838 hours @ .50 .....		419.00
Albert Valcourt, Labor 1,013 hours @ .50 .....		506.50
Albert Valcourt, Grader operator 98 hours @ .60		58.80
George Chandler, Labor 825 hours @ .50 .....		412.50
W. H. Dudley, Labor 20 hours @ .50 .....		10.00
J. P. Manning, Labor 24 hours @ .50 .....		12.00
F. A. Angell, Labor 265 hours @ .50 .....		132.50
Alfred Miller, Labor 902 hours @ .50 .....		451.00
Herbert Hughes, Labor 8 hours @ .50 .....		4.00
Jesse Chase, Labor 424 hours @ .50 .....		212.00
H. Wylie, Labor 7 hours @ .50 .....		3.50
Lewis Fisk, Labor 345 hours @ .50 .....		172.50
Paul Murphy, Labor 475 hours, @ .50 .....		237.50
Harold Keith, Labor 90 hours @ .50 .....		45.00
Joseph Clements, Labor 8 hours @ .50 .....		4.00
D. E. Caswell, Labor 84 hours @ .50 .....		42.00
Donah Bonville, Labor 16 hours @ .50 .....		8.00
Elwin Chase, Labor 142 hours @ .50 .....		71.00
H. W. Buxton, Labor 16 hours @ .50 .....		8.00
Everett Ballou, Labor 4 hours @ .50 .....		2.00
Clifford Lunn, Labor 51 hours @ .50 .....		25.50
Harold Dudley, Labor 6 hours @ .50 .....		3.00
Chesley Johnson, Labor 22 hours @ .50 .....		11.00
Total Labor and Trucking .....		\$12,068.30

Rental charged for town owned machinery credited to machinery account .....	1,025.80
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\$1,025.80

## CHAPTER 81 MATERIAL

The Barrett Co. 12,005 Gals. Tar @ .12 .....	1,440.60
New England Metal Culvert Co. to Culvert Pipe .....	126.75
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. tools & Supplies .....	48.50
P. D. Manning, to workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance .....	566.24
Clayton Blackmer, to Paint and Painting Traffic Lines .....	34.50
Fred Fair, to Town's Share for New Tires on Chapter 81 Air Compressor .....	2.60
H. W. Buxton, to 3,655 Loads Gravel @ .10 ....	365.50
Elwin Chase, to 136 Loads Gravel @ .10 .....	13.60
C. A. Sweet, to 361 loads sand @ .10 .....	36.10
D. E. Caswell, to 206 Loads Gravel @ .10 ....	20.60

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Total Material .....	\$2,654.99
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Grand Total Chapter 81 Highway's .....	\$15,749.09
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EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Appropriated by Town .....	\$ 500.00		
Allotment by County .....	500.00		
Allotment by State .....	500.00	Total	\$1,500.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages .....		\$48.44	
Earl Ballou,—Car 52 hours @ .20 .....		10.40	
Charles Church, Foreman 125 hours @ .60 ....		75.00	
Nellie Parker, Truck 40 hours @ 1.50 .....		60.00	
W. H. Dudley, Truck 54 hours @ 1.50 .....		81.00	
H. W. Buxton, Truck 30 hours @ 1.50 .....		45.00	
D. E. Caswell, Truck 56 hours @ 1.50 .....		84.00	
John Carter, Labor 8 hours @ .50 .....		4.00	
John Carter, tractor operator 8 hours @ .75 ..		6.00	
Earl McCann, Labor 60 hours @ .50 .....		30.00	
Elwin Chase, Labor 51 hours @ .50 .....		25.50	
Lewis Fisk, Labor 72 hours @ .50 .....		36.00	
Jesse Chase, Labor 75 hours @ .50 .....		37.50	
Alfred Miller, Labor 106 hours @ .50 .....		53.00	
Carmine Ferno, Labor 48 hours @ .50 .....		24.00	
Stanley Krouse, Labor 68 hours @ .50 .....		34.00	

Clifford Lunn, Labor 36 hours @ .50 .....	18.00
Albert Valcourt, Labor 106 hours @ .50 .....	53.00
Gustavus Wellman, Labor 30 hours @ .50 .....	15.00
Donah Bonville, Labor 36 hours @ .50 .....	18.00
H. W. Buxton, Labor 4 hours @ .50 .....	2.00
D. E. Caswell, Labor 22 hours @ .50 .....	11.00
Harold Keith, Labor 7 hours @ .50 .....	3.50

Total Labor and Trucking .....	\$774.34
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#### MATERIAL

State Prison Colony, One State Line Sign ....	\$17.30
State Prison Colony, Concrete Post .....	50.50
New England Metal Culvert Co. to Culvert Pipe	45.34
The Barrett Co. to 4,979 Gal's Tar @ .12 .....	597.48
Clayton Blackmer, to Paint and Painting Traffic	
Lines .....	7.50
C. A. Sweet, to 75 loads sand @ .10 .....	7.50

Total Material .....	\$725.62
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Grand Total Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	\$1,499.96
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EARL BALLOU,

Superintendent of Highways.

#### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended Balance on Town Farm Road of

1936 Allotment, Spent in January 1937:

Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages .....	\$48.44
Earl Ballou,—Car 40 hours @ .20 .....	8.00
C. L. Church, Foreman 48 hours @ .60 .....	28.80
Nellie Parker, Truck 40 hours @ 1.50 .....	60.00
W. H. Dudley, Truck 40 hours @ 1.50 .....	60.00
H. W. Buxton, Truck 39 hours @ 1.50 .....	58.50
John Carter, Labor 8 hours @ .50 .....	4.00
Earl McCann, Labor 46 hours @ .50 .....	23.00
Carmine Ferno, Labor 32 hours @ .50 .....	16.00
Albert Valcourt, Labor 40 hours @ .50 .....	20.00
Stanley Krouse, Labor 40 hours @ .50 .....	20.00
Alfred Miller, Labor 40 hours @ .50 .....	20.00
George Chandler, Labor 40 hours @ .50 .....	20.00

Labor and Trucking .....	\$386.74
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#### MATERIAL

New England Metal Culvert Co., to Cable and	
Anchor Rods and Fittings for Guard Rail ..	\$120.87

S. D. Putnam, to 23 Gal's Kerosene Oil .....	2.30	
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co., to Paint for Cement Posts .....	3.00	
Material .....		\$126.17
Grand Total .....		\$512.91
EARL BALLOU, Superintendent of Highways.		

### CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION 1937—UXBRIDGE ROAD

Appropriated by Town .....	\$2,500.00		
Allotment by State .....	5,000.00		
Allotment by County .....	2,500.00	Total	\$10,000.00
Earl Ballou, Supt. as per wages .....		\$550.14	
Earl Ballou,—Car 604 hours @ .20 .....		120.80	
C. L. Church, Foreman 421 hours @ .60 .....		252.60	
Nellie Parker, Truck 343 hours @ 1.50 .....		514.50	
W. H. Dudley, Truck 205 hours @ 1.50 .....		307.50	
H. W. Buxton, Truck 292 hours @ 1.50 .....		438.00	
D. E. Caswell, Truck 210 hours @ 1.50 .....		315.00	
Joseph DeVries, 1½ cu. yd. Shovel 108 hours @ 6.50 per hour .....		702.00	
Joseph DeVries, ½ cu. yd. Shovel 125 hours @ 4.50 per hour .....		562.50	
Joseph DeVries, Roller 26 hours @ 3.00 .....		78.00	
Joseph DeVries, 5 Ton Truck 65 hours @ 3.00 .....		195.00	
Joseph DeVries, 1½ cu. yd. Truck 53 hrs. @ 1.50 .....		79.50	
Frank Ahern, Transmixer for Asphalt .....		32.97	
E. L. Sabatinelli, Air Compressor 28 hrs. @ 2.85 .....		79.80	
A. A. Sabatinelli, Blaster 16 hours @ 1.00 ....		16.00	
John Carter, Labor 188 hours @ .50 .....		94.00	
John Carter, Tractor Operator 110 hours @ .75 .....		82.50	
Earl McCann, Labor 366 hours @ .50 .....		183.00	
Earl McCann, Grader Operator 58 hours @ .75 .....		43.50	
Irving Fisher, Carpenter Work 34 hours @ 1.00 .....		34.00	
Carmine Ferno, Labor 374 hours @ .50 .....		187.00	
Albert Valcourt, Labor 408 hours @ .50 .....		204.00	
Stanley Krouse, Labor 283 hours @ .50 .....		141.50	
H. W. Buxton, Labor 4 hours @ .50 .....		2.00	
George Chandler, Labor 106 hours @ .50 .....		53.00	
Alfred Miller, Labor 331 hours @ .50 .....		165.50	
Paul Murphy, Labor 108 hours @ .50 .....		54.00	
D. E. Caswell, Labor 113 hours @ .50 .....		56.50	



Clifford Lunn, Labor 234 hours @ .50 .....	117.00
Everett Ballou, Labor 68 hours @ .50 .....	34.00
Harold Keith, Labor 164 hours @ .50 .....	82.00
Gustavus Wellman, Labor 4 hours @ .50 .....	2.00
Chesley Johnson, Labor 64 hours @ .50 .....	32.00
Donah Bonville, Labor 224 hours @ .50 .....	112.00
Elwin Chase, Labor 36 hours @ .50 .....	18.00
Jesse Chase, Labor 36 hours @ .50 .....	18.00
J. P. Manning, Labor 16 hours @ .50 .....	8.00
James Murphy, Labor 18 hours @ .50 .....	9.00

Labor, Trucking and Equipment Hire .....	\$5,976.81
Rental charged for town owned machinery credited to machinery account .....	173.00
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	\$173.00

#### MATERIAL

New England Metal Culvert Co. Culvert Pipe	\$291.74
New England Bolt Co. to Culvert Pipe .....	317.35
The Texas Co. 5,080 Gal's. Asphalt @ .11 less 1% Discount .....	553.21
New England Bolt Co. Cable, Anchor Rods and Fittings for Guard Rail .....	279.00
County of Worcester, to W. C. H. Bounds ....	54.25
State Prison Colony, 112 Cement Posts @ 1.25	140.00
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Lumber, Cement and Material .....	27.34
Walter Buffum, 810 cu. yds. Gravel @ .05 ....	40.50
Joseph Zemianek, 1,920 cu. yds. Gravel @ .05 ..	96.00
Total Material .....	\$1,799.39
Grand Total Chapter 90 Construction to December 31, 1937 .....	\$7,949.20
Paul D. Manning, to Employers Compensation and Liability Insurance for Chapter 90 Work (appropriated by town) .....	\$200.00

EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.

#### HIGHWAY RAILINGS

Transferred Reserve Fund ....	\$59.45
Appropriated by Town.....	\$100.00
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Total	\$159.45

C. L. Church, Foreman 34 hours @ .60 .....	\$20.40	
D. E. Caswell, Truch 24 hours @ 1.50 .....	36.00	
Albert Valcourt, Labor 12 hours @ .50 .....	6.00	
Alfred Miller, Labor 4 hours @ .50 .....	2.00	
D. E. Caswell, Labor 2 hours @ .50 .....	1.00	
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Labor and Trucking .....		\$65.40

## MATERIAL

W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. to Lumber, Paint and Material .....	\$77.80	
H. W. Buxton, to 65 Chest. Posts @ .25 .....	16.25	
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Total Material .....		\$94.05
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Grand Total Railings .....		\$159.45

EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.

## BRIDGES

Appropriated by Town .....	\$300.00	
Transferred, Reserve Fund .....	250.00	
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	Total	\$550.00
Henry Hindon, to Gravel Filling for Grand Trunk	\$50.00	
Joseph DeVries, to Contract for Removing and Filling in Grand Trunk Bridge, Burt Aldrich Road .....	\$250.00	
Joseph DeVries, to Contract for Removing and Filling in Grand Trunk Bridge, Buffum Road	250.00	
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Grand Total Bridges .....		\$550.00

## SNOW ROADS

Appropriated by Town .....	\$300.00	
Plowing and Trucking .....	\$96.30	
Labor .....	148.88	
Material and Repairs .....	53.89	
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Grand Total Snow Roads .....		\$299.07

EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.



## MACHINERY ACCOUNT

## Receipts

Appropriation by Town .....	\$100.00	
Received for Rental Chapter 81 .....	1,025.80	
Received for Rental Chapter 90 .....	173.00	
Received from Private Hire for Mixer ....	14.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$1,312.80

## Payments

W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. Lanterns and Supplies .....	\$20.50	
Waite Hardware Co. one Garage Vise ....	7.50	
Waite Hardware Co. to Repair Parts for Grease Gun .....	3.21	
Walter Killian, to one Steel Jack .....	12.50	
Clark-Wilcox, Co. to Bulldozer and Power Hydraulic Equipment for Town Tractor	690.00	
Clark-Wilcox Co. to Clutch Assembly and Mechanic's Labor Installing Same ....	48.67	
Kenneth Shaw, to one Stone Drag .....	12.00	
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co. one Grindstone and Frame Complete .....	27.75	
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co. one Grader Blade .....	8.00	
Douglas Motor Sales, Gas and Oil .....	93.20	
Charles Krull, to Repairs .....	28.83	
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R. R. to Freight	21.01	
F. E. Jones, to Gas, Oil, Grease and Repairs	102.33	
S. D. Putnam, to Five Axe Handles .....	2.50	
Worcester Oxy-Acetylene Supply Co. to Oxy- gen and Acetylene Tanks for Welding	7.28	
Walker Oil Co. to Gas .....	61.20	
Registry of Motor Vehicles, to Registration for Town Tractor .....	2.00	
Total payments .....		\$1,148.48
Balance in Machinery Account .....		\$164.32

EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.

## SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

Appropriated by Town .....	\$100.00	
Guertin Brothers, to Installing Electric Lights in Town Garage .....	\$55.00	

C. L. Judkins, to Letterheads, Paper and Envelopes .....	11.50	
C. L. Judkins, to Rubber Stamp .....	3.00	
Southbridge, Evening News, to Town Seal ....	.75	
County of Worcester, Petition for Layout of Uxbridge Road .....	3.00	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co. Light Bills ..	6.00	
W. R. Wallis Lumber Co. one Street Broom ...	1.25	
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Grand Total .....		\$80.50
Balance .....	\$19.50	

EARL BALLOU,  
Superintendent of Highways.

# Annual Report of the Department of Public Welfare

Douglas, Mass, February 23, 1938.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

Appropriation Town Meeting, 1937 .....	\$10,000.00
Appropriation Special Town Meeting Dec. ....	3,500.00
Federal Grant Aid to Dependent Children ....	311.02

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\$14,811.02

## EXPENDITURES

Cash Payments .....	\$2,650.00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,674.00
Groceries .....	4,702.20
Board and Care .....	1,807.00
Rent .....	950.00
Fuel .....	825.86
All Other .....	146.43
Medical Aid .....	640.90
Relief—Other cities and towns .....	309.89
Miscellaneous .....	59.65
Printing, Stationery, Postage .....	40.32

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\$14,806.25

Unexpended Town Appropriation .....	3.88
Unexpended Federal Grant .....	.89

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\$14,811.02

In addition to the above expenditures the sum of \$2,481.83 will be paid in 1938 for bills contracted by the Welfare Department in 1937, as voted by the citizens of Douglas in a Special Meeting held on December 27, 1937.

## TEMPORARY AID ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$1,990.53
Charges 1937 .....	3,514.34

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\$5,504.87

Payments to Treasurer, 1937 .....	\$3,761.46	
Charges entered in error .....	90.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 and January 26, 1938, per list .....	1,653.11	
	<hr/>	\$5,504.87

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN  
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$1,291.83	
Charges 1937 .....	852.35	
	<hr/>	\$2,144.18
Payments to Treasurer, 1937 .....	688.06	
Disallowances, 1937 .....	603.77	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 and January 26, 1938, per list .....	852.35	
	<hr/>	\$2,144.18

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD MOORE  
RAYMOND DECOTEAU  
MARINE ZONFRILLO.

# Report of the Old Age Assistance Department

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To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:		
Appropriation Town Meeting, 1937 .....	5,000.00	
Federal Grant Reimbursements:		
Balance January 1, 1937 .....	1,527.80	
Reimbursements 1937 .....	5,202.67	
Other Reimbursements 1937 .....	36.50	
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		\$11,766.97
1937 Expenditures .....	11,740.11	
Unexpended Federal Grant .....	26.86	
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		\$11,766.97
Number of Cases January 1, 1937 .....	27	
Number of Cases December 31, 1937 .....	39	
Number of Persons Receiving Old Age Assistance during the year .....	44	

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$325.31	
Commitments .....	2,688.58	
		\$3,013.89
Reimbursements to treasurer from the State and Towns .....	\$2,848.24	
Disallowances .....	27.81	
Outstanding December 31, 1937 and January 26, 1938, per list .....	137.84	
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		\$3,013.89

Respectfully submitted

FERDINAND J. LIBBY, Agent  
VERA H. WARNER, Clerk.

## Report on the W.P.A. Work in the Town of Douglas

The town expended the sum of \$3,144.38 for W. P. A. Projects last year. The money was spent as follows:

Non Relief Labor .....	536.50
Equipment .....	312.72
Truck Hire .....	1,364.78
Material .....	930.38
Total	3,144.38

Last year's projects gave employment to from 7 to 15 men, and the work included: Elimination of Gypsy Moths in the outlying sections of the Town, Construction of Concrete sidewalks on Depot Street and Main Street, and the graveling of Reservoir Road. Over a half mile of concrete sidewalks were added under last year's program and to date a half mile of construction has been completed on the Reservoir Road.

In addition to the W. P. A. workers, more than 600 man days of work was done on these projects by relief recipients.

The Selectmen propose to sponsor additional projects for 1938 and these will include Gypsy Moth Elimination, continuation of the sidewalk construction to the St. Denis Church, and the construction of a drainage on Depot Street and part of Main Street.



# Report of Treasurer

## Simon Fairfield Public Library

1937

Jan. 1	Balance on Deposit .....	\$ 148.96	
	Town Appropriation .....	1,250.00	
	Dog Fund .....	370.21	
Jan. 5	Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest ....	15.00	
Mar. 5	Lena M. Schuster Books .....	4.05	
Mar. 12	Refund Check from Frank E. Wood ..	1.50	
May 1	Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest ..	174.26	
July 6	Uxbridge Savings Bank Interest ....	15.00	
Nov. 1	Whitinsville Savings Bank Interest ..	145.21	
Jan. 7	Lena M. Schuster Books .....	5.25	360.27
			<u>\$2,129.44</u>

### EXPENDITURES

Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian .....	780.00
Mrs. Carl Donaldson Assistant Librarian .....	18.00
Frank E. Jones, Fuel .....	229.50
For Books .....	546.09
Miscellaneous Expense .....	128.41
Magazines and Papers .....	83.84
Herbert E. Hughes Janitor .....	142.50
Worcester Suburban Electric Co. ....	43.10

\$1,971.44

Balance on Deposit ..... 158.00

Balance Town Treasurer None ..... \$2,129.44

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## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

<del>B</del> Mrs. Royal Keith Fund .....	\$ 200.00
<del>nn</del> James M. Fairfield Fund .....	5,000.00
<del>E</del> James Smith Fund .....	6,000.00
<del>n</del> Arthur F. Taft Fund .....	500.00
<del>n</del> Winifield S. Schuster Fund .....	1,000.00
<del>E</del> James W. Wixtead Fund .....	200.00

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\$ 12,900.00

The Endowment Fund are invested as follows:

Uxbridge Savings Bank .....	\$ 1,000.00
Whitinsville Savings Bank .....	11,900.00

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\$12,900.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. JONES,

Treasurer.



# Report of the Water Commissioners

To the Citizens of Douglas:

Appropriation at Town Meeting, 1937 .....	3,300.00
Reserve Fund Transfer .....	309.23
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	\$3,609.23

## EXPENDITURES

### Administration:

Superintendent's Salary .....	1,325.00
Telephone .....	26.10
Bond .....	15.00
Stationery, Printing and Postage .....	14.71
All Other .....	15.45

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1,396.26

### General:

Labor .....	82.17
Trucks .....	3.00
Pipe and Fittings .....	51.73
Equipment .....	65.57
All Other .....	1.47

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203.94

### Pumping Station:

Light and Power .....	1,114.50
All Other .....	35.63

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1,150.13

### Extensions on Grove Street:

Pipe and Fittings .....	539.37
Equipment .....	32.06
Steam Shovel and Labor .....	234.50

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805.93

### Insurance:

Compensation .....	52.97
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\$3,609.23

## WATER DEPARTMENT

<i>Rates</i>	
Outstanding January 1, 1937, .....	\$919.90
Charges:	
Reported, .....	\$4,237.80
Not reported, .....	750.77
	4,988.57
Water miscellaneous reported as rates	20.40
	\$5,928.87
Payments to treasurer .....	4,930.76
Error in reporting charges .....	17.52
Outstanding December 31, 1937 .....	980.59
	\$5,928.87
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Outstanding January 1, 1938 .....	\$980.59
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 31, 1938 ..	\$325.21
Outstanding January 31, 1938, per list .....	640.38
Cash on hand January 31, 1938, verified .....	15.00
	\$980.59
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*Miscellaneous Charges*

Outstanding January 1, 1937 .....	\$39.64
Charges:	
Reported .....	\$4.31
Not reported .....	52.02
	56.33
	\$95.97
Water miscellaneous reported as rates .....	20.40
Payments to treasurer .....	\$43.25
Outstanding December 31, 1937 and January 21, 1938, per pist ....	32.32
	\$95.97
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Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY,  
 OSCAR OLSON,  
 WILLIAM WALLIS,  
 Water Commissioners.

**Annual Reports**  
OF THE  
**School Committee**  
and Superintendent of Schools  
OF THE  
**Town of Douglas**



**For the Year Ending**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1937**



# Report of the School Committee

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1937:

The appropriations for the School were \$37,300.00 and the expenditures \$37,299.98. We received from the State as reimbursement:

Massachusetts School Fund .....	\$4,028.39
Part I Income Taxes .....	6,790.00
Tuition of State Wards .....	295.20
Individuals .....	91.00

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\$11,204.59

**This Reduces the Net Cost of the Schools to \$26,095.39.**

## EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT— for the year ending December 31, 1937.

	Budget 1937	Expenditure	Estimate 1938
<b>GENERAL EXPENSES:</b>			
Clerk School Committee .....		280.00	
Misc. School Committee .....	300.00	43.45	
Superintendent's Salary and Ex. ....	1,590.00	1,621.76	
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	\$1,890.00	1,945.21	1,900.00

## EXPENSES FOR INSTRUCTION:

Music Supervisor's Salary ....		600.00	
Principal, High, Salary .....	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Principal, Elementary .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Teachers, High .....	7,850.00	7,708.00	
Teachers, Elementary .....	10,650.00	10,031.50	
Substitutes Teacher's Salary ..	150.00	107.00	
Text Books, High .....	400.00	317.68	
Text Books, Elementary .....	600.00	694.66	
Stationery and Supplies High ..	600.00	440.16	
Stationery and Supplies Elem. ....	400.00	316.68	
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	24,650.00	24,215.68	24,725.00

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## EXPENSES FOR OPERATION:

Janitor, High .....	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Janitor, Grammar .....	1,300.00	1,325.00	
Janitor, Douglas Center .....	350.00	347.50	
Fuel High .....	700.00	655.83	
Fuel Grammar .....	600.00	460.73	
Fuel Douglas Center .....		194.32	
Lights and Power Misc. Elem. ..	350.00	154.43	
Telephone, High .....		66.25	
Janitor's Supplies, High .....		50.57	
Water Departement, High .....		10.00	
Lights and Power Misc. Elem. ..	350.00	178.96	
Telephone, Elementary .....		80.15	
Janitor's Supplies, Elementary ..		72.43	
Water Department, Elementary ..		10.00	
Miscellaneous, High .....		6.20	
Miscellaneous, Elementary .....		2.00	
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	4,950.00	4,914.57	4,975.00
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## MAINTENANCE REPAIRS:

High School .....	400.00	512.59	
Grammar School .....	600.00	511.16	
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	1,000.00	1,023.75	1,000.00
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## AUXILIARY AGENCIES:

High School .....	375.00	287.72	
Grammar School .....	700.00	618.15	
Transportation, High .....	2,500.00	511.02	
Transportation, Elementary .....		2,010.68	
Misc. High (Athletics Included)	25.00	176.09	(Athletics) 250.00
Misc. Elementary .....		58.07	
Tuition .....		18.00	
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	3,600.00	3,679.73	3,600.00
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## INSURANCE:

Insurance on Fire .....	500.00	581.60	
NEW EQUIPMENT: .....	700.00	939.44	250.00
		37,299.98	
Unexpended .....		.02	
	37,300.00	37,300.00	37,300.00

BAYLIS G. ALDRICH, 1940  
 MARGARET CARRICK, 1940  
 LILIAN C. CARPENTER, 1939  
 WARREN JOHNSON, 1939  
 ANDREW CENCAK, 1938  
 LOUIS CALLAHAN, 1938  
 School Committee.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A. B. GARCELON

## PURCHASING AGENT

ANDREW CENCAK

## ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

\*DOUWE DEJONG

E. L. WILLIAMS

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\*Deceased.



# School Calendar

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## 1937-1938

Fall Term—September 7, 1937 to December 23, 1937, 16 weeks.  
 Winter Term—1st period—Jan. 3, 1938 to Feb. 18, 1938, 7 weeks.  
 Winter Term—2nd period—Feb. 28, 1938 to April 15, 1938, 7 weeks.  
 Spring Term—April 25, 1938 to June 17, 1938, 8 weeks.  
 For High School—April 25, 1938 to June 24, 1938, 9 weeks.

## VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 25 and 26, 1937.  
 Christmas recess—December 23 to January 2, 1938. 1 week.  
 Mid-winter vacation—February 19 to February 27, 1938. 1 week.  
 Spring vacation—April 16 to April 24, 1938, 1 week.

## 1938-1939

Fall Term—September 6, 1938 to December 23, 1938, 16 weeks.  
 Winter Term—1st period—Jan. 3, 1939 to Feb. 17, 1939, 7 weeks.  
 Winter Term—2nd period—Feb. 27, 1939 to April 14, 1939, 7 weeks.  
 Spring Term—April 24, 1939 to June 16, 1939, 8 weeks.  
 For High School—April 24, 1939 to June 30, 1939, 10 weeks.

## VACATIONS

Thanksgiving recess—November 24 and 25, 1938.  
 Christmas recess—December 24, to January 2, 1939, 1 week.  
 Mid-winter vacation—February 18 to February 26, 1939, 1 week.  
 Spring vacation—April 15, 1939 to April 23, 1939, 1 week.

## HOLIDAYS, 1938

New Years, Saturday, January 1, 1938.  
 Washington's Birthday, Tuesday, February 22, 1938.  
 Good Friday, Friday, April 15, 1938.  
 Patriot's Day, Tuesday, April 19, 1938.  
 Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 1938.  
 Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 1938.  
 Columbus Day, Wednesday, October 12, 1938.



County Convention, Friday, November 4, 1938.  
 Armistice Day, Friday, November 11, 1938.  
 Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday-Friday, November 24-25, 1938.  
 Christmas, Sunday, December 25, 1938.

#### HOLIDAYS, 1939

New Years Holiday, Sunday and Monday, January 1-2, 1939.  
 Washington's Birthday, Wednesday, February 22, 1939.  
 Good Friday, Friday, April 7, 1939.  
 Patriot's Day, Wednesday, April 19, 1939.  
 Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30, 1939.  
 Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 1939.  
 Columbus Day, Thursday, October 12, 1939.  
 County Convention, Friday, November 3, 1939.  
 Armistice Day, Saturday, November 11, 1939.  
 Thanksgiving Recess, Thursday-Friday, November 30-December 1, 1939.  
 Christmas, Monday, December 25, 1939.

#### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

Three blasts of the mill whistle at 7:30 A.M. closes all schools for the morning session. The same signal at 11:30 A.M. closes all schools for the afternoon session.

The same signal at 11:15 A.M., denotes that there will be one session. In case of one session all grades will close at 12:30 P.M.; except first grade which will close at noon.

If the whistle does not blow at 11:30 A.M. there will be school in the afternoon.

A. B. GARCELON,  
 Superintendent.

## Report of the Superintendent of Schools

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To the School Committee and Citizens of Douglas:

I herewith submit my tenth annual school report of the Town of Douglas, the same being the thirty-seventh superintendent's report for the Union.

In the early days of educational systems, the all important objective was the acquiring of facts with little or no thought given to the application of those facts to the problems of life. Today we demand a mastery of facts and an understanding of their relation to, and bearing on, life.

Vital efficiency, Vocational efficiency, Avocational efficiency, Civic efficiency and Moral efficiency have been and still are the five great objectives of education. However, with a world politically economically and socially upset, we are to-day particularly stressing the teaching of the so-called Social Sciences.

The exact sciences of mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology have progressed so rapidly, and by so doing have created so many social problems that our social machinery, our governmental control, our economical and political machinery, have not been able to cope adequately with changed conditions. Witness to this fact are the new forms of government in Germany, Italy and Russia, and the unrest in Japan, Spain, and other countries. To-day the fundamental principles of democracy are challenged in many lands. We must therefore give more and more attention to the education of our youth, to those subjects that deal with our social, economic and political life. This is the great change in our educational program,—a change of slant and emphasis which we are carrying out through new courses, but particularly through new text books in our regular courses.

Ten years ago all our pupils were rated by subjective tests given by the teachers. Such tests depended entirely upon the judgment of each room teacher. The teacher was not satisfied with this kind of test, for she had no way to compare her work with that of other school systems.

This led us to the use of Standard Tests. These tests serve as a yardstick by which we are able to measure and compare our work with that of other school systems. The advantage of this is self-evident.

Norms are set up for each subject in each grade, which makes it possible for us to measure the kind of work done in every subject in every grade. These tests are appreciated by both teacher and pupil:—appreciated by the teacher because she is freed from any criticism of unfairness, and appreciated by the pupil because the tests are comprehensive and sufficiently long to give him a fair chance of passing. Parents, too, when they understand these tests, like them because they consider them adequate and fair.

During a period of business uncertainty, boys and girls of school age, having no opportunity of working, remain in our local schools. This fact raises a real school problem, for our present curricula often does not fit the needs of these pupils. All we can hope to do in a small school system is to give our students the general fundamental training for any business and good citizenship. We now offer high school students two courses that lead to business careers,—i. e. our college course which prepares for the professions—as teaching, law, medicine,—and our commercial course which prepares for definite employments,—as, stenographer, bookkeeper or office work. To offer more would be impossible on account of the expense. We hope, however, to reinstate our Home Economics course which is of decided value to every girl,—since every girl is a prospective home maker. The Manual Training Course, if reestablished should be a course in Household Mechanics—rather than a course in wood working as in the past. Such a course would give instruction in fixing all those things about the home which need repairing.

The State of Massachusetts has worked out a very fine system of schools, at Amherst State College. Then we have nine State Teacher's Colleges, each giving regular teacher training, but each also specializes in some particular branch of teachings; at Boston is the Massachusetts School of Art; we have schools for the blind; the hard of hearing, for slow pupils, a Nautical School, a Textile School; University Extension Courses; our Grade and High Schools and Vocational Schools.

Our problem is to introduce these facilities to our pupils. Many parents, many pupils are not aware of all the schools and therefore do not plan their schooling accordingly. Our eight grade graduates—instead of looking into the opportunities offered by our Trade Schools,—schools which offer just the training they need and want—drift into our local high school, stay a while—then go to work or take up a Trade School course. This, of course, means a waste of time.

To get our pupils into the right school at the earliest time is our problem.

This year we reestablished the teaching of Art in our schools,—under the direction of Miss Margerete J. Schwarz. Miss Schwarz is

most excellently trained for her work—having taken one year in Art after graduating from a four-year course. Her work is well organized and good results are being obtained.

To-day—no one argues against courses in Physical Education. A sound mind in a sound body is conceded as necessary. But we have not been able to introduce a Physical Education course because of the expense. This year, however, due to the generous offer of services by Mrs. Cornelius Callahan—we have a Physical Education Program in all the schools: and also an Athletic Program for the girls in our high school. Lesson outlines are provided for each teacher, including marching drill, postural work and games. Sixty-six girls turned out for field hockey. All the work given by Mrs. Callahan is enjoyed by all pupils and very much appreciated by my teachers and the School Department.

Mrs. Esther C. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy for School Nurse, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Edith Taft. Mrs. Taft served us for many years and did very fine work for us. She continues her work under Dr. Glidden at the Sanatorium at West Boylston. Mrs. Johnson is well fitted for her work by nature and training and is successfully carrying out her work—as may be seen by her report, to which I refer you.

Handwriting in the schools, under the direction of Mr. W. L. Rinehart is very satisfactorily supervised and the results are excellent. He reports 67% of the grade work and 72.8% of the high school papers as "Superior",—a very fine record.

I would particularly call your attention to the report of Mr. C. W. Holmes. His report clearly shows the trend of courses our high school pupils are choosing—i. e. more and more are pupils taking the commercial course in place of the college course. There are two reasons for this: first, the larger number of pupils who are not qualified for the college course and, second,—because pupils seek a course which leads more directly to a vocation.

The one thing that is most needed and which would do the most to save effort and avoid waste would be a system of Vocational Guidance. This is very much needed but could be accomplished only through the State Department of Education.

Safety Education is a matter which is receiving considerable attention. The accidents on our highways continue as they have in the past. Every precaution is being taken to protect our children. Statistics show that the number of children being injured on the highways is decreasing—which probably is due to the teaching of safety in our schools. At the present time there is a bill in the legislature to make it compulsory to teach safety in all schools.

Visual Education is today—in many schools—being used to decided advantages. The cost of Equipment would be about \$400.00—an expense we deem unwise to consider at this time.

The only textbook change of the year was the matter of new histories for grades 4 to 8. These new books—built on the well worked out course of study of the Providence Schools, are proving very satisfactory.

The Mowry Fund continues to provide the money for our special classes in music. Because of this fund our children have a most wonderful opportunity to learn to play musical instruments. Since this Fund became available, we have been able to start a large number of pupils in instrumental playing—many of whom have become quite proficient.

In closing I wish to thank my teachers, principals and janitors, my School Board and the Citizens, for the wholehearted support given to the School Department.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. GARCELON,

Superintendent of Schools.





# LIST OF TEACHERS JANUARY, 1938

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NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When Appointed In Town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Linnea Anderson	High	East Douglas	Boston University	1937
Clarence Gagne	High	East Douglas	Bay Path Institute	1931
Jeannette Leboeuf	High	Webster	Wellesley	1937
Tabaea Sweinberger	High	Holyoke	Mt. Holyoke College	1932
Myra Jillson	High	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1924
Lola Dudley	High	East Douglas	Boston Normal	1926
Eunice L. Buffington	Grammar,	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Mary A. Joy	Grammar,	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1928
Elinor Dunleavy	Grammar,	East Douglas	Boston University	1932
Maria C. Buxton	Grammar,	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1916
Elizabeth Chapdelaine	Grammar,	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1934
Betsy Reid	Grammar,	Peacedale, R. I.	Wheeler Training	1931
Mollie Kelly	Grammar,	East Douglas	Douglas High	1908
Daisy Sweet	Grammar,	East Douglas	Symonds T. School	1916
Gertrude Smith	Douglas Center	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
Dorothy Scribner	Douglas Center	East Douglas	Worcester Normal	1936
David Gellatly	Music Supervisor	Uxbridge	Atl. Associated Studios	1932
Frank O. Dodge	Band Instructor	Worcester		1931
Howard C. Barre	Orchestra Instructor			1931
W. L. Rinehart	Writing Supervisor			1933
Margereite Schwarz	Drawing Supervisor	Northbridge	R. I. School of Design	1937



# Douglas Memorial High School Report

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January 3, 1938.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my 20th annual report on Douglas Memorial High School:

An outstanding feature of the high school this year is the unusually small number of the Freshmen class taking the classical course. A study of class enrollment figures and general conditions for the past few years yields the following:

During three years preceding the present school year, from 40 to 50 per cent of the Freshman class started with the classical course, and most of them kept it up for at least two years. Only seven of the 28 Freshmen entering this year, or 25 per cent, were considered fit for that course; of these, two went to another school and a third changed her mind and took commercial work, leaving 14 per cent beginning with the classical course, compared with 50 per cent two years ago.

Of the 28 who entered this year, however, only 15 are taking a full high school course of four subjects; the other 13 are repeating from one to three grade subjects in which they failed last year.

Three 8th grade pupils are repeating all their work; 13 "Freshmen" are taking an aggregate of only 23 high school subjects; and this makes the equivalent of ten repeaters in the 8th grade and 21 with a full Freshman high school course.

Pupils in the 8th grade taking any high school work at all are seated in the Freshman room upstairs on account of the usual crowded condition downstairs.

There are 57 registered in the 7th grade, 40 in the 8th (besides the ten repeaters), 28 in the Freshman room, 25 Sophomores, 31 Juniors, and 14 Seniors, making the total in the building 192.

There are ten beginning Latin this year and twelve beginning Algebra. Nine are taking Ceasar, twelve Plain Geometry and eleven Intermediate Algebra. These figures show that the interest in Latin and mathematics, among the few students who begin with them, is well sustained after the Freshman year.

The total number in the high school taking a full college preparatory course from the time of entering is 22. The decreasing number of such students means increased enrollment in the commercial department. To prevent overcrowding this department and to meet what I regard as another need in the school I would suggest

a course in advanced arithmetic for Juniors and Seniors, to be taught by the Principal.

I regard this course as desirable for the following reasons:

1. After all that can be accomplished by the most skilful teaching in the upper grammar grades or in the Freshman Commercial Arithmetic, the Freshman or Sophomore has only a child's knowledge of arithmetic which does not carry over to become effective in adult life.

2. Such a course is recommended and accepted as a unit in mathematics for admission to State Teachers' College and Schools of Nursing.

3. It would be of great value to boys going into trades, mechanics, or business. I would teach the use of the slide rule in such a course.

4. It would make it impossible for Seniors to loaf through the last year with only three courses. This is frequently the case with Seniors who have not taken either foreign language or college preparatory mathematics and who fail or dodge stenography because it means hard work.

5. The Commercial Department takes over pupils who fail early in their high school career in foreign language or mathematics. Senior arithmetic would take back from that department some of those who meet their Waterloo in stenography. Congestion in that department might justify our refusing typewriting to those who will not or cannot work hard enough to do stenography.

May I ask that the introduction of this course be considered at an early meeting of the Committee?

A great help in the government and administration of the school is a handbook worked out by Mr. Gagne and myself and typed and mimeographed by the Commercial Department. It contains the usual rules of conduct, and regulations, rules and information about attendance, the courses of study, and the extra-curricula activities. The handbook was issued as the first copy of our school paper, the Semloh. Since we gave a copy to every member of the school without charge and thereby the Athletic Association lost the usual receipts of the sales, the Committee made good this loss by a gift of ten dollars to the Athletic Association, which we hereby gratefully acknowledge.

In this report I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the loyalty and devotion of each teacher to the exacting demands of our common task. Among teachers of six grades, with pupils differing so greatly in age, from the pre-adolescent child to the youth of 19 or 20 years, co-ordination of effort for the best good of all is difficult; but the spirit of co-operation and faithfulness in the attempt are A-plus in every teacher in the building.

Probably some system of study-supervision should be worked out in this school to avoid children in the seventh or eighth grade being

exposed to four or five or more teacher-personalities during the day. Seating young pupils for 40 minutes at a time in a room with people from the upper high school classes is not desirable. These young children need some one with them practically all the time qualified to help them in their studies if not to actually teach them. It seems to be too much to ask high school teachers to try to qualify for this work, since they have in the room at the same time the higher grade students who need a quiet room for study, with little or no talking by the teacher in charge of the study period. Another room would be needed, even if high school teachers were qualified for supervision of 7th and 8th grade work.

This other room is available, by the way, at little cost. For general purposes the Physics room should be altered for an ordinary school room or study room—better still, a school library. The tables in the chemistry room could easily be adapted for Physics and the school does not need two rooms for these sciences.

The cost of such a change could be charged to grade improvement facilities. In consideration of costs of any contemplated or requested improvements for the upper four years, differentiated from the lower grades in reports to the State, may I ask the Superintendent and Committee to carefully note the following features of our six-grade system. We have not five teachers in our high school. The equivalent of practically one high-school teacher's full time is spent in grade work. Three periods a day are spent in actual teaching. Throughout six periods a day, besides, a recent count gives 168 seventh and eighth grade pupils seated in the high school study hall to a total of 216 high school pupils in the same periods. The Principal himself is obliged to take two of these study periods daily. Add to these facts the time taken for disciplinary cases, corridor, lavatory and playground cares and problems, and the responsibility of the Principal in general for the six grades in which half of the pupils are below the high school, and it seems to me that a conservative estimate of a deduction to be made from high school expense is the cost of one high school teacher.

I wish to acknowledge the service rendered by our corps of monitors, which I think the most efficient we have had, led by Francis Abram, in charge of monitors in the building, and Warren Johnson, Jr. leader of the outside traffic squad.

In view of the apparent drift in this school away from the traditional college preparatory subjects and the efforts of many educators to condemn the traditional curriculum as outmoded, for the encouragement of those still ambitious enough to pursue that curriculum, may I quote from a recent address by Harold G. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools of New York City, as follows:

"So the traditional curriculum was declared outmoded. We must prepare, it was said, for a new social order, whatever that might mean.

"Would not the laws of mathematics and physics remain in force? Would not history continue to have its significance, literature its power of inspiration? Would not Latin and Greek continue to be the source of the very language we speak, the basis of our art and culture and of our laws? Few seemed to think of this, in the rush for something new in the way of a general education. Knowledge, like wealth, was to be distributed more widely, albeit thinly.

"Some called for subjects of a more practical nature, some for a "process of personality development," others for a curriculum of controversy. But above all, it must be something new and something different. The stock market had crashed, one party had replaced another in power at Washington, and a great change had come over the complexion of all things. Therefore, the content of a general education must change. It was all just about as logical as that.

"Some have had sober second thoughts, realizing at length that no matter what our social or political philosophy may be, civilization, as it grows more complex, will be more than ever dependent upon the men who know the laws of *mathematics* and the formulas of *Science*, upon men who, having studied the *history* of mankind, know the relationship of the present to the past, upon men who can write and men who can speak the *languages* of other men. In truth, civilization will be more than ever dependent upon the very subjects that are included in the traditional curriculum for a general education."

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES,  
Principal.



## Report of Athletic Director

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To the Superintendent of Schools,  
East Douglas, Massachusetts:  
Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Director of Athletics at the Douglas Memorial High School.

The athletic teams of the past year might be judged as some of the most successful in the history of the school. In competition, the baseball team had a good season against some of the stronger teams in the valley, but showed much improvement late in the season when several of the players were later drafted to play in the baseball league in the community.

A hard fighting football squad showed itself a powerful opponent and strong enough to hold or defeat some of the largest schools in the vicinity notably Southbridge, Shrewsbury and Uxbridge. The records for the season found the team winning or tying five and losing three games against the strongest opposition the school has ever met.

With the winter months at hand, two intramural basketball leagues have been organized with some 60 boys in the school taking an active part. The return of basketball is looked upon as one of the most welcomed moves in the past five years.

The past year saw the return of an athletic program for the girls following a lapse of 5 years. This program should be a vital part of our program and under the supervision of Mrs. Cornelius Callahan, assisted by the teachers in the high school, it has made excellent headway. About 45 girls played field hockey, and some similar number are taking advantage of the basketball and gymnastics program this winter.

However, 1937 was not so kind to the finances of athletics since what should have been the nucleus of a sound treasury was impossible. Football which should form the best source of revenue caused a deficit since we were unable to play any home games due to the reconditioning project at Schuster Field. The various other activities conducted for the benefit of the program were all well supported, but were not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of three major sports. It is impossible to obtain any worthwhile returns from baseball, and since basketball is only an intramural activity at present, no income will be received from that sport.

The future looks very promising, however, providing Schuster Field is available for football in 1938. There is every reason to believe

that financially our program will be as successful as the teams that have represented the school. The use of Schuster Field for football will greatly facilitate the work since we shall then have a field available for practice at all times.

May I express my sincere appreciation to you and the members of the school board for their kind assistance in making this program possible, and to Mr. Holmes and the teachers for the untiring interest they have shown.

Respectfully yours,

C. A. GAGNE,  
Director of Athletics.

## Report of Supervisor of Music

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Mr. A. B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
East Douglas, Mass.

Dear Mr. Garcelon,

I hereby submit my annual report of the work done in music in the schools of East Douglas for the year ending December 31st., 1937.

In the first and second grades, we have taught wrote songs, rhythm drills, and have introduced the rudiments of musical theory.

In the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, this work has been continued, gradually leading up to the more intricate phases of theory and reading of notes and rhythms.

The seventh and eighth grades, and the High School chorus have done splendid work in the singing of folk songs and special choral arrangements. The singing of the chorus at the graduation exercises was greatly enjoyed by the audience.

On the evening of May 7th a concert was given in the Town Hall. The program consisted of selections by the High School orchestra and brass ensemble, and folk songs and dances in costume by the pupils of grades one to eight.

Memorial Day exercises were held on the Grammar School grounds the afternoon of May 28th. The children sang patriotic songs, and marching music was furnished by the Grammar School Drum Corps.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Garcelon, the School Committee, the principals and all of the teachers for the help given to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID N. GELLATLY,  
Music Supervisor.



## Report of Music Instructors

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Mr. A. B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
East Douglas, Massachusetts.  
Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my annual report as instrumental instructor in the East Douglas schools.

There are fourteen pupils studying violin now and I believe there are more who are going to begin soon. There are two studying accordion and four studying guitar. There is one pupil who has taken up the 'cello.

I think the pupils are more interested than they have been which I think is due partly at least to the fact that they can play with more ease and accuracy.

I am planning now to organize a small string ensemble in which all the pupils can perform. This is in addition to their regular instruction classes. This will also tend to create more interest.

I wish to thank Mr. Garcelon, the School Committee, the teachers and others for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
HOWARD C. BARRE,  
Instrumental Instructor.

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### REPORT OF TEACHER OF BRASS AND WIND INSTRUMENTS

Mr. A. B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
East Douglas, Massachusetts.  
Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my annual report of the pupils studying wind and percussion instruments in the schools of Douglas.

There is an increase of seven more pupils than last year. There are seven studying on Clarinet, eight on Trumpets, four on Trombone, three on Saxaphones, one Baritone, one on Bass, three on Bugles, one Brass Drum, one on Cymbals, fourteen on snare Drums.

Eight of the boys from the High School played in the East Douglas Band last summer. My ambition is to have more of them playing in the band this year.

I wish to thank you Mr. Garcelon, the School Committee and teachers for the interest they have shown.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRANK O. DODGE,  
Teacher of Brass and Wind Instruments.

## Report of Supervisor of Writing

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January 3, 1938.

Mr. A. B. Garcelon, Supt.,  
Douglas Public Schools,  
Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I am pleased to report continued progress in handwriting in the Douglas schools. We also find unusually high teacher and pupil morale. There is a spirit of friendliness and informality in your schools that makes teaching a real pleasure.

During the school year ending December 31, 1937, I supplied all pupils in the Douglas Schools with new materials. Writing certificates were awarded to Senior and Junior High School graduates who qualified.

Handwriting test papers were graded monthly for each pupil and written diagnostic reports were sent to the teachers. All rooms were visited each month and the informal writing was graded by our supervisors. In all, approximately 15,000 papers were graded. Our records show that 67.8% of the papers in grades I-VIII were graded "Superior". In the high school, 72.8% of the papers were graded "Superior".

In closing, I wish to thank you and your principals, teachers, and students for the fine cooperation and excellent results.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART.

## Report of Supervisor of Art

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Mr. A. B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
East Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Supervisor of Art in the Public Schools of East Douglas and Douglas.

My aim is to give each student a better understanding of the principles of Art and make them conscious of Art in every day life.

Since drawing has not been taught in the schools for a number of years the seventh and eighth grades have had no foundation in Art which has made it necessary for me to give them lessons in the same manner as those presented in the lower grades. They, however, are advancing rapidly and I hope that by the end of the year they will be up to standard. The eighth grade is at present studying color theory with much interest. The seventh grade is studying lettering which will be used in making posters showing the evolution of travel.

I have planned the course so that each month I give a lesson in figure drawing or illustration, color and design, and lettering.

There are a great many talented children in the schools of Douglas and East Douglas who have been unable to make use of this talent before this year.

I appreciate the fact that the school furnishes supplies needed in the Art work.

I am of the opinion that drawing should be introduced in the high school since there are undoubtedly a number of students who would be qualified to take up the study of Art as a vocation, provided the fundamental training for their admission in any of the leading Art Schools would be given to them. As a further suggestion I would offer to provide a two hour period in the grammar school for art training instead of the one period hour in the weekly curriculum.

I wish to express my appreciation to you Mr. Garcelon, the School Board and all the teachers for the interest they have shown and the cooperation they have so kindly offered.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGERETE J. SCHWARZ.

## Report of School Nurse

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Mr. Albert B. Garcelon,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Douglas, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Garcelon:

I herewith submit my annual report as School Nurse, two days each week, for the year ending December 31, 1937.

The aims of a school nursing service to school children are:

1. To assist in communicable disease control by the recognition of early symptoms and by securing immunization.
2. To assist the physician in medical inspection and in the routine periodic physical examination of every school child.
3. To assist in securing the correction of defects and in promoting health.
4. To assist in securing special examinations and such follow-up as is necessary.
5. To participate in the promotion of hygiene and sanitation of the school plant.
6. To assist in securing proper instruction of pupils and parents in the principles of healthful living.
7. To provide or supervise adequate nursing care to all sick children.

I am pleased to report that a closer relationship between the health education program in the schools and the community is becoming evident. This is shown very clearly in the formation of a "Child Health Committee", which will be of great help in solving the problems of adequate dental care for every child and correction of other physical defects.

In September all pupils were given a thorough physical examination by Dr. R. H. Spooner, School Physician. This examination showed 101 children having nose and throat defects. Of the 8 most urgent cases, 5 have been corrected. Altogether 14 children have had tonsils and adenoids removed since the examination. This added to 5 cases which were corrected during the summer, giving us the gratifying total of 19 cases corrected nose and throat defects to date. Many children were found with enlarged glands which might be due to infection from diseased tonsils or decayed teeth. The program of physical education now being conducted by Mrs. Cornelius Callahan is

helping to teach good posture and provides excellent wholesome recreation for Junior and Senior High School girls.

A dental examination of all pupils was conducted in November by Dr. A. E. Shaw, School Dentist. This revealed that only 24 pupils in the school population of 499 were without dental defects. This shows the great need of improved nutrition and adequate dental care very early in the child's life.

Through the facilities of the Worcester County Sanatorium, assisted by the Southern Worcester County Health Association, a chest clinic was held in November. This clinic is held for the purpose of early diagnosis and prevention of development of Tuberculosis in young adults. 79% of the pupils in grades 7, 9, and 11 were skin tested and all children having positive reactions were X rayed.

Last April, Dr. Oscar Dudley, District Health Officer, assisted by Mrs. Edith Taft, former School Nurse, immunized 95 children against diptheria. 54 of these were pre-school children.

The Pre-School Clinic, for examination of children entering school in the fall, was held in June. Dr. Bouvier, Acting School Physician, examined and vaccinated 20 children. On entering school 5 of these children showed improvement in physical condition.

The Red Cross again this past year, furnished hot cocoa to children who bring lunches, at a small weekly cost to the children. I feel that this supplementary hot drink is of great nutritional value and wish to express my appreciation for this continued service. The Red Cross also gave financial assistance to children needing glasses and tonsil operations. I wish to personally thank the group of women who donated their services in making the capes used during the physical examinations.

From September to January, 80 home visits have been made for the purpose of discussing nutrition problems, prevention of communicable diseases and correction of defects.

I wish to thank the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools, School Physician, Teachers and all others who have given me assistance and cooperation at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs.) ESTHER C. JOHNSON, R. N.,  
School Nurse.



## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES

Issued January 1, 1937 to January 1, 1938

Report by EDWARD L. WILLIAMS

Number of Persons Issued Certificates		Number of Certificates Issued	
Educational Literate	54	Educational Illiterate	0
Educational Illiterate	0	Special Home Permits	0
Special Home Permits	0		
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Mr. E. L. Williams has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Williams.

## ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

Number of cases investigated	45
Number absent on account of sickness	32
Number absent for other causes	13
Number brought back	45

E. L. WILLIAMS,  
PAUL F. RAWSON,

Attendance Officers.

## STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed Valuation, taken from State Report	\$1,960,423
Population, U. S. Census of 1935	2403
Number of Persons in Town between 5 and 16 years of age, October 1, 1937—Boys: 270; Girls: 222	461
Number of Persons between 5 and 6 years of age—Boys: 30; Girls: 37	67
Number of Persons between 7 and 13 years of age—Boys: 133; Girls: 112.	245
Number of Persons between 14 and 15 years of age—Boys: 76; Girls: 73	149
Total Enrollment in all Public Schools During School Year ending June 25, 1937	512
Average Membership for School Year	489
Average Attendance for School Year	465
Percent of Attendance	94.8
Number of School Buildings in Use	3
Number of Teachers Required by the Public Schools	17
Number of Special Teachers	5
Number of Teachers Graduated from College	6
Number of Teachers Graduated from Normal School	8
Number of Weeks High School was in Session	39
Number of Weeks Grammar School was in Session	38
Number of Pupils Graduated from High School, 1937	13
Number of Pupils Graduated from Grammar School, 1937	21

# Warrant for Town Meeting

Monday, March 21, 1938

8:00 a. m.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DOUGLAS

WORCESTER, SS.

*To any Constable of the Town of Douglas in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday the twenty-first day of March, 1938 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, Two Constables, an agent of the Moses Wallis Devise, a Tree Warden, each for a term of one year; one Selectman, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Public Welfare, one Water Commissioner, two members of the School Committee, one Trustee of the Simon Fairfield Public Library, one Cemetery Commissioner, each for a term of three years, all of the above Town Officers to be voted for on one ballot.

Article 2. To choose all other Town Officers for a term of one year.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, or of any outstanding Committee, and to choose any Committee or Committees the Town may think proper.

Article 4. To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year of 1938.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to defray the expenses of the Welfare Department for the fiscal year 1938.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to defray the expense of the Town's Share of the W. P. A. Projects carried on in the Town.



Article 8. To see if the Town will instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the Division of Highways, Public Works Department, under Chapter 90, Section 34, General Laws for aid in the improvement of some through way and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Board of Selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission, under Chapter 81, Section 26 of the General Laws for the improvement of Town Ways and raise and appropriate money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.46 to cover the overdraft in the Health Department Expense.

Article 11. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the assessors to use any Free Cash in the hands of the Town Treasurer to reduce the Tax Levy in 1938.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1938, to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, General Laws, Chapter 44.

Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article 15. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to dispose of any of the Real Estate held by the Town by Foreclosure of Tax Titles and authorize and empower its Treasurer to give a deed of the same in the name and behalf of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$182.70 from the New Town Hall Repairs Account to the New Town Hall Maintenance Account or take any action in relation thereto.

Articles 17 and 18 inserted at the request of 10 or more registered voters.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to definitely discontinue and suspend the use of our Police or town car or cars and that said

car or cars be sold and the cash so received placed in the hands of the town treasurer to be used to help defray expenses of the Police officers.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to elect six Constables for the protection of persons and property, and that all votes of the town inconsistent with these articles are hereby rendered null and void on the passing of these articles.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for the Blanket Insurance (so called) now in force on the Town's Property, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-two dollars to pay 1937 bills received after the Close of the year, for repairs on the Fire Station.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the rent of quarters for the Michael Carter Post, American Legion.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote a sum of money for the upkeep of the Town Clock (so called.)

The polls may close at four o'clock, p.m.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at East Douglas and at the store, formerly the Post Office, at Douglas, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

WINFIELD A. SCHUSTER,  
PAUL D. MANNING,  
FRANK E. JONES,  
Selectmen of Douglas.

A true copy, ATTEST:

JOSEPH M. KOSTKA,  
Constable of Douglas.

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